

De-Licensing of Bluetooth wireless technology

2346. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently de-licensed the Bluetooth wireless technology in 2.4 GHz band for indoor use; and

(b) whether Government would permit use of this technology for outdoor users?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) This is being examined.

(b) Yes, Sir. Under a licence.

Sale of Personal Computers

2347. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sale of Personal Computers has shown a considerable downward trend in 2001 -2002;

(b) if so, the negative growth thereof and the actual number of units sold and Value thereof;

(c) the reasons for downward trend; and

(d) whether Government expect the trend to reverse during 2002-2003?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) to (d) As per IMRB (Indian Market Research Bureau) — MAIT Study, the sale of Personal computers was 16.7 lakh units during 2001 - 02, registering a decline of 11 % over the previous year. Value of Personal computers sold during 2001 -02 was Rs. 4,846 crores. The reason for downward trend was that the market witnessed significant slow-down