

Installation of telephones in Mainpuri

†902. SHRI GHANSHYAM CHANDRA KHARWAR:
SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question 536 given in the Rajya Sabha on 2nd May, 2002 and state:

(a) whether the enquiry has since been completed, if so, the result thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the follow up action taken/contemplated against persons found responsible for such incidents and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN):

(a) and (b) No, Sir. The investigation is in progress and is expected to be completed in three months time.

Loss to VSNL

903. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in The Times of India dated the 28th June, 2002 that VSNL is likely to suffer a loss of about \$115 million if Worldcom files for bankruptcy; and

(b) what steps have been taken to retrieve the situation if the worse happens?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN):

(a) Yes, Sir.

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.