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connectivity has already been provided between Nalanda and Bihar Sharif for easy access to Nalanda from outside.

Foreign Equity in Telecom Companies

2023. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a cap of 49 per cent foreign equity on the Telecom Companies operating in the country;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the M/s Max Hutchinson the licensee for providing cellular Mobile telephone service in Mumbai has a foreign equity component of 70 per cent; and

(c) if so, the manner in which the cap has been bypassed and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No Sir, M/s. Hutchison on Max Telecom Ltd. the licensee for providing Cellular Mobile Telephone Service in Mumbai has foreign equity of 49%.

Post Offices in Tripura

2024. SHRI KHAGAN DAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the post offices in Tripura are housed in rented buildings though the postal department has plenty of land in several parts of the State;

(b) whether the lands acquired by the Department have been lying for long without any boundary walls to prevent encroachment; and

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal to construct buildings on these lands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir. 62 (sixty two) post offices are housed in rented buildings out of a total