

Ministry of Home Affairs/Intelligence Bureau have raised concern over the presence of foreign companies, especially from certain countries in the critical and sensitive border areas, that may have national security implications. Accordingly, a security guideline was issued to BSNL. As per the security guidelines:—

- Before operationalisation of all the new systems, irrespective of origin of manufacturing, extensive security audit should be carried out to the effect that networks and its elements are free from any trapdoors/black boxes/malwares and susceptible to remote hacking. A self-certificate to that effect shall be submitted to TERM Cell of DoT for carrying out the security audit and issuance of certificate.

The bids are still under evaluation and no award of contract has been done.

Problem of congestion

†2131. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bihar, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh are the worst sufferer of the problem of congestion of mobile signals;

(b) if so, the reasons for congestion and the rules in this regard; and

(c) the measures being taken by Government to solve the problem of congestion and by when this problem would be solved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) As per the latest Performance Monitoring Report (PMR) for the quarter ending March, 2009 issued by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), Bihar, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh including Chhattisgarh are not the worst sufferer of the problem of congestion of mobile signals.

(b) Not applicable in view of (a) above.

(c) TRAI has prescribed Parameters for congestion of mobile signals in terms of Stand-alone Dedicated Control Channel (SDCCH) congestion and Traffic Channel (TCH) congestion. TRAI monitors these parameters through quarterly Performance Monitoring Report. To meet the benchmarks of congestion parameters, network augmentation and optimization is done by the service providers, which is a continuous process.

Ancient rock paintings

2132. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY:
SHRI NANDAMURI HARIKRISHNA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ancient rock paintings have been found in Srisailam hill ranges of Mahaboob Nagar district and Thadwai Mandal of Warrangal district of Andhra Pradesh;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.