

(b) and (c) As per the National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM), IT and IT Enabled Services/BPO Sector remains a net hirer. During the FY 2008-09, the direct employment in this sector is estimated to reach 2.2 million from 2.0 million in the previous year.

#### **Telephone Advisory Committees**

‡2315. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the telecommunication advisory committees to be constituted in all districts and State level across the country;

(b) the tenure of the last committee having ended in May, 2009, whether the department has decided not to constitute new committees; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons that the committees with two years tenure are not being constituted even after lapse of 6 months tenure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) and (b) Telephone Advisory Committees (TACs) are constituted at Telecom District Level only. These are not constituted at Circle/State level. All 359 Telecom District Level TACs have already been constituted [tenure of 348 TACs are upto 30.09.2011 and of 11 TACs are upto 30.06.2010].

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

#### **Comprehensive wage structure for Gramin Dak Sevaks**

2316. SHRI GOVINDRAO WAMANRAO ADIK:  
SHRI Y.P. TRIVEDI:

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

(a) whether based on R.S. Natarajan Committee's recommendations, Government has evolved a new comprehensive wage structure of Gramin Dak Sevaks (GDS);

(b) if so, the main recommendations of the Committee; and

(c) the number of such Dak Sevaks, at present, and the facilities and perks extended to them to help them travel in rural areas devoid of roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The salient features of the recommendations made by Shri R.S. Nataraja Murti Committee, accepted and implemented by the Government are given in the Statement (See below).

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‡Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.