

'M Sathi 9110' CAR tracking device

†4616. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards a car tracking device "M Sathi 9110" which acts like G.S.M. Modes and could be of great help in preventing car theft;

(b) if so, the details with regard to its usefulness, total cost etc.; and

(c) whether Government would consider to make it mandatory if Government think that the said device could prove effective to some extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) As per Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA) and Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), there are number of companies in India that are offering vehicle tracking systems including a car tracking device. With this system, the vehicle owner as soon as received any disaster alert like fire, intrusion etc. can remotely activate a bugler sound or radio etc. through mobile. The cost of such a system ranges from Rs. 9,000/- to Rs. 20,000/- depending upon the features opted for by the consumer. In addition, there is monthly charge to be paid by the consumer to the service provider.

(c) As such a system would have an impact on the cost of vehicle and monthly recurring charges, the provisioning of the same should be at the discretion of vehicle manufacturer and consumer.

Expansion of Speed Post services

4617. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Department of Posts is expecting a revenue of Rs. 500 crore in the current fiscal through expansion of its courier service, Speed.

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