

#### **4G Technologies**

3721. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the TRAI proposes to bring out a consultation paper on introducing 4G technologies; and

(b) if so, by when this consultation paper is likely to be released?

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

(b) TRAI has issued a pre-consultation paper to identify the issues involved in introduction of 4G such as allocation & pricing of spectrum for such services and issues related to licensing. Various stakeholders have given their views/comments at the pre-consultation stage which are being analysed by TRAI for preparation of consultation paper. Efforts are being taken by TRAI to bring this consultation paper at an early date.

#### **WLL phone network**

3722. SHRI MANGALA KISAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the services made available in Odisha under telecom facilities,

(b) the number of villages in which WLL Phone Service has been made available in Odisha;

(c) the number of villages still to be linked with WLL phone network; and

(d) the time by which the WLL facility is likely to be provided in all the villages of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is providing landline, Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) and Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA) telecom services in Odisha.

(b) Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) service is available in 43,222 villages in Odisha. Out of this, 29,492 villages have been provided with WLL Village Public Telephone (VPT) facility.

(c) 4307 villages are yet to be linked with WLL facility.