THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) TRAI has sent a list of some points of interconnection of BSNL at which there is congestion as reported by the private operators.

(b) BSNL has reportedly conducted a study of data provided by TRAI to find out the exact position and has examined its network.

(c) BNSL provides the exchange ports with 30 lines capability for establishing Pol. The responsibility of providing the line on which 30 simultaneous calls can be made, rests with the private operators. BSNL has been providing the Pol as per terms and conditions of the interconnect agreement with the private operators. In some cases there have been delay on part of the private operators in commissioning of the interconnection link due to various reasons like non-availability of equipment in their exchanges, non-availability of transmission equipment to connect their exchange to BSNL exchange, non-payment of outstanding dues etc.

(d) Interconnection provisioning is a continuous process. The Government has asked Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited and the private telecom operators to take various steps which *inter-alia* include holding of regular review meetings, streamlining of the procedure for provisioning of Pols in time bound manner, to provide forecast for demand of Pols in advance to enable BSNL to plan necessary equipment where feasible so as to reduce the cases of technical non-feasible.

Women employees in IT sector

†1042. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women employees in the IT sector at present;

(b) whether the number of these women employees have increased during the last five years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (c) The total number of IT and ITES (IT Enabled Services) - BPO (Business

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Process Outsourcing) professionals employed in India is estimated to be 12,87,000 in 2005-06. As per National Association of Software Service and Companies (NASSCOM) nearly 30% of the employees are women employees. The number of women employees have increased in last 5 years in this sector.

Blocking of website

1043. DR M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

' (a) whether Government have asked the Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to block around 17-18 websites on the Internet;

(b) if so, the details of sites to be blocked;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) the ISPs who have blocked the websites; and

(e) the ISPs, who have not blocked the websites?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Orders were issued to Internet Service Providers (ISPs) by Department of Telecom (DoT) on 13th July, 2006 for blocking of the following 17 websites:

1. www.hinduunity.org
2. http://mypetjawa.mu.nu
3. http://pajamaeditors.blogspot.com
4. http://exposingtheleft.blogspot.com
5. http://thepiratescove.us
6. http://commonfolkcommonsense.blogspot.com
7. http://bamapachyderm.com
8. http://princesskimberley.blogspot.com
9. http://merrimusings.typepad.com
10. http://mackers-world.com

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