

- Inspection of Leased Circuits and Internet leased lines for their bonafides use and to detect any misuse on regular intervals.
- Special verification of bonafides where 10 or more connections (bulk connections) for a single user as well as for a single location are provided.
- Four digit toll free number 1963 is opened to receive complaints on illegal grey market.
- Caller Line Identification Restriction (CLIR) is not being provided in case of bulk connections, call centres and tele-marketing services.
- Both way connectivity of ISP's node is not permitted.
- Inter-network call forwarding and call conferencing facility is not permitted at POI (Point of Interconnection).
- CDR (Call Detail Record) Analysis of numbers with unusually high call patterns. Password management procedures, system backup are followed.

Upgradation of Post Offices

1956. SHRI N.K. SINGH:

SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to modernize and upgrade all the post offices across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total investment made in the project and whether special priority is being given to post offices in rural areas; and
- (d) if so, by when the modernization/upgradation is likely to be completed?

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

(b) (i) In the Eleventh Five Year Plan, the Department has an approved project for Computerization & Networking of post offices (up to double handed level). Under this project 12604 number of post offices have been computerized and the process for computerization of the rest of the double handed post offices and networking them is under progress. The Department has proposed its IT Project Phase-II with an overall outlay of Rs. 1877.2 crores to be incurred in the FY 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 (upto September 2012). The project envisages building up of a comprehensive IT solution for all the operations in a Post Office, Postal, Banking, Insurance, Retail operations and the required infrastructure for the computerization and networking of all the post offices in the country.

(ii) The Department has also launched Project Arrow in identified post offices for upgrading the "core operational areas and "look and feel" of Post Offices for modernization of Post Office in the country. It is an ongoing scheme. So far 1,000 Post Offices from 22 Postal Circles have been upgraded and modernized under the scheme. Another 510 post offices across the country are being covered in 2010-11.

(c) So far Rs. 330.47 crores has been utilized for computerization of 12604 post offices and funds to the extent of Rs. 146 crores has been utilized for covering post offices under Project Arrow and utilized to full extent. During 2010-11 Rs. 84 crores has been earmarked for Project Arrow, in mostly rural and semi-urban areas. Total outlay proposed Department's IT project Phase-II is Rs. 1877.2 Crores. Rural ICT solution is proposed for electronically linking of all rural post offices under the project proposal. The solution would provide for supply of appropriate rural ICT devices, rural connectivity and applications to rural population for services including postal, saving bank, postal life insurance and other related operations including MGNREGA wage distribution.

(d) The IT Project Phase-II is expected to be completed by September 2012. Subject to availability of Plan Funds, departmental post offices will be covered under Project Arrow in a phased manner.

2G Spectrum Policy

†1957. SHRI RANJITSINH VIJAYSINH MOHITE-PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.