

pulse rate as per customer's tariff plan. In case of per second plan the charges are levied for actual duration of the call in seconds.

#### **Role of DoP in UIDAI**

3218. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Department of Posts will be participating in the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the exact role of the Department of Posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Department of Posts has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) on 30.04.2010 for a period of two years for undertaking collection, packaging and delivery of data sticks (flash drives or hard disk drives) through Speed Post and for printing, enveloping, addressing, pre-sorting and delivery of 'Aadhaar' (UID) letters through Speed Post to the recipient, at present.

#### **Cellular tower infrastructure**

‡3219. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that in view of the need of existing consumers, the condition of cellular tower infrastructure in the country is not so strong as it should be;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government is aware that the radiation emitting from the cellular tower has adverse impact on environment and human health; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT): (a) to (c) Sir, Cellular towers take care of the three major vitals of mobile telephony, that is, coverage, capacity and mobility. All operators plan their installation of cellular towers keeping in mind their network and business requirement. Need of existing consumers is being met with available Cellular tower infrastructure which is being augmented by the operators from time to time to meet additional coverage and capacity requirement.

(d) and (e) A committee, setup under the Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) to study the effects of radiations from mobile phone towers and related aspects, concluded that "overall there is not enough evidence to show direct health hazards of

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‡Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.