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Amendment to MNP provision

2551. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that 70 million subscribers are required to shift telecom operators as a result of the cancellation of licences;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government plans to amend the ninety day Mobile Number Portability (MNP) provision to enable affected subscribers to change telecom operators; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA): (a) and (b) Sir, on cancellation of licenses, the subscribers can exercise choice to shift to other Telecom Operators under MNP Scheme or otherwise.

(c) and (d) The issue of amendment in MNP Regulations to relax the eligibility condition for MNP is under consideration of TRAI.

Improvement of Infrastructure

2552. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:

SHRI N.K. SINGH:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds allocated for improvement of infrastructure in cold

chains, food preservation and infrastructure for food processing during the last three years;

(b) the details of schemes launched to increase awareness about importance of cold chains for farmers; and

(c) the incentives provided to increase funding for cold chains in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI CHARAN DAS MAHANT): (a) The year-wise expenditure incurred during the last three years for the scheme of cold chain, value addition and preservation infrastructure is as under:-

2009-10	:	Rs. 43.50 crore
2010-11	:	Rs. 21.657 crore
2011-12	:	Rs. 81.55 crore

(b) and (c) The Ministry provides financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid @ 50% of the total cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works in general areas, and @ 75% of the total cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works in difficult areas subject to a maximum of Rs. 10.00 crore for strengthening and value addition of cold chain infrastructure. Other agencies of the Government like National Horticulture Mission (NHM), National Horticulture Board (NHB), Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) and State Government also provide assistance for cold storages under their respective schemes.

Fund Utilisation in Bihar

2553. SHRI SABIR ALI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds/amount given/ spent in Bihar by the Ministry and its various organisations during last three years and the current year, so far;

(b) the purposes for which these amounts were given/spent; and

(c) the steps being taken to increase those funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI CHARAN DAS MAHANT): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has been implementing various plan schemes for promotion and development of food processing sector in the country including that of Bihar viz. i) Scheme for Infrastructure Development with components of. Mega Food Park, Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation infrastructure and Modernization of