

appearing on the internet. Government has also planned an awareness campaign on this issue.

**Procurement of equipments by telecom companies from
local manufacturers**

3004. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to make it mandatory for all telecom service providers to procure a minimum 30 per cent of their equipments from local manufacturers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this move would give boost to Indian industry producing telecom equipments; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA): (a) to (c) With a view to increase share of domestically manufactured Electronic products which includes telecom equipment also, the Government, *vide* Notification No. 8(78)/2010-IPHW dated 10th February, 2012, has laid down the policy for providing preference to domestically manufactured electronic products in procurement of those electronic products which have security implications for the country and in Government procurement for its own use and not with a view to commercial resale or with a view to use in the production of goods for commercial sale.

National Telecom Policy-2012 (NTP-2012), *inter-alia*, has following objectives to give boost to Indian telecom equipment manufacturing in the country:

- Promote the ecosystem for design, Research and Development, IPR creation, testing, standardization and manufacturing *i.e.* complete value chain for domestic production of telecommunication equipment to meet Indian telecom sector demand to the extent of 60% and 80% with a minimum value addition of 45% and 65% by the year 2017 and 2020 respectively.
- Provide preference to domestically manufactured telecommunication products, in procurement of those telecommunication products which have security implications for the country and in Government procurement for its own use, consistent with our World Trade Organization (WTO) commitments.