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	Broadband Modems and CLIP instruments as the existing one are getting frequently faulty.	instruments are being supplied to the customers. Moreover there is option that customer can purchase modem and CLIP instruments from the market as per his own choice.
9.	Goa may be made a separate Telecom Circle.	At present Goa is part of Maharashtra Telecom Circle and there is no proposal to make Goa a separate Telecom Circle.
10.	Landline coverage:- All revenue villages in Goa should be covered with landline connectivity.	Implemented.
11.	Acceptance of telephone bills:-Every Post office should accept payment of any Telephone bill of any exchange.	Implemented.
12.	Construction of new telephone exchange building at Quepen.	Construction of new building was not taken up due to shortage of Fund. However, existing telephone exchange building was renovated in October, 2012.

#### India's ranking in ICT penetration

221. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE:

SHRI N.K. SINGH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India's ranking has fallen in the World Information and Communication Technology (ICT) rankings, released by the World Economic Forum and INSEAD for the past two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that India ranks amongst the lowest countries in terms of ICT penetration in the country; and

(d) if so, the measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government to improve the business environment in the ICT sector?

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

(b) India has been ranked 69th among 142 nations in inherent capacity to leverage information and communication technologies (ICT) for progress, in the latest of a series of Networked Readiness Index reports brought out annually by the World Economic Forum and the business school, INSEAD. It ranked 48th among 138 nations in 2011 and 43rd among 133 nations in 2010.

(c) No, Sir. India is ranked 69th among 142 nations in inherent capacity to leverage information and communication technologies (ICT) for progress, in the latest of a series of Networked Readiness Index reports brought out annually by the World Economic Forum and the business school, INSEAD.

(d) Government of India has recently come up with a National Policy on Information Technology. The principal policy objectives of the IT Policy are to optimally leverage our existing and evolving ICT infrastructure and capabilities to meet the growing need for high quality social sector services like education, health, e-government services, economic services like banking, insurance, transportation and logistics etc. Another major objective is to use ICT capabilities to enhance competitiveness and efficiency in manufacturing across the board and in key infrastructure sectors.

#### **National Mission on Food Processing**

222. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has planned to initiate National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) with the cooperation of State Governments;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether there is any time-frame fixed by Government for this purpose; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?