

Farmers selling kidneys to pay off debts

2065. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that indebted farmers in Andhra Pradesh have been found to be selling their kidneys in order to pay off debts;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken to address the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The question does not arise.

National Electronics Mission

2066. SHRI ANIL DESAI:

SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

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

- (a) whether Government is working on a list of electronic hardware that private sector can't import due to security concerns;
- (b) if so, the details of the list;
- (c) whether Government is mulling to set up a National Electronics Mission; and
- (d) if so, by when and the benefits thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The National Policy on Electronics - 2012 inter-alia provides for setting up a National Electronics Mission with industry participation to evolve programmes in pursuit of the laid down policies and also to create institutional mechanisms to advance the implementation of various programmes

aimed at achieving the objectives enumerated in this policy and to promote India as an Electronic Hardware Manufacturing Hub and suitably market "Brand India" in Electronics.

Telecommunication services in villages

†2067. DR. RAM PRAKASH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages where BSNL is providing telecommunication services;
- (b) the number of villages where these facilities are not yet available, State-wise;
- (c) whether all the villages are targeted to be covered by the services; and
- (d) if so, by when this target would be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHRIMATI KILLI KRUPARANI): (a) The number of villages where BSNL (Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited) is providing telecommunication services is given below:

Number of villages where BSNL is providing telecommunication services	Villages Public Telephones (VPTs)	Cellular Service
	577524	403997

(b) The details of villages in the country not connected with Village Public Telephone (VPT) facility are given in the Statement-I (*See* below). The State/Service area-wise number of villages in the country not connected with mobile services, as per the survey carried out by Department of Telecommunication are given in the Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The target in respect of providing VPTs in remaining villages deemed feasible by BSNL is likely to be achieved by September, 2013. With respect to mobile services, a scheme would be envisaged after receiving the report from C-DoT (Centre for Development of Telematics) for extending financial support from USO (Universal Service Obligation) Fund for provisioning mobile communication services in balance inhabited uncovered villages of the country.

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