

Director General (ICMR), having representative from IIT Chennai, Indian Institute of Toxicology Research, Lucknow, Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Environment and Forest, ICMR and DST to examine the harmful effects from Cell towers on the population living in the vicinity and for developing the frame of reference for calling out request for proposals for scientific assessment of health hazards and adverse impact on ecology.

Apart from above, a Complaint Handling System for Electro Magnetic Field (EMF) Radiation from Mobile Towers has been launched by DoT on 4th October, 2012 in Mumbai. Initially, this facility has been started for the residents of Mumbai. The online complaint facility is available on DoT website www.dot.gov.in through a link "Public Grievance - EMF Radiation".

Tie up of BSNL and India Post

42. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN:
SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI:

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

- (a) whether BSNL and India Post have tied up for transfer of money through mobile services; and
- (b) if so, the details and the implementation status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. (SHRIMATI) KRUPARANI KILLI): (a) and (b) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and India Post have tied up for transfer of money through mobile service. Salient features of this service are as follows:

- It provides immediate remittance of money from one person to another through Department of Posts.
- The service is economical as compared to traditional money order.
- The service provides faster delivery as compared to traditional money order.

This service was launched on 15th November, 2012 in limited number of post offices in Kerala, Bihar, Punjab and Delhi.

Review of FDI in telecom equipment manufacturing

43. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has asked the Foreign Investment Promotion Board to review the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy in the Telecom equipment manufacturing sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry is of the view that the existing policy which allows foreign equipment manufacturing to own 100 per cent stake in their Indian subsidiaries should be revisited;

(d) whether the decision follows a report released by the US Congressional Panel which stresses upon potential security issues associated with the Telecom equipment supplied by Chinese vendors such as Huawei and ZTE; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) to (e) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Promotion of electronics hardware production

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

(a) whether Government has schemes for promoting electronics hardware production in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the percentage of indigenous hardware components used in mobile phones produced and sold in the country along with the value based percentage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government has notified the National Policy on Electronics (NPE) 2012 for the promotion the Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) sector in the country. The Policy envisions creating a globally competitive ESDM industry to meet the country's needs and serve the international market. Parts of the policy