

may deprive a section of society to make a call from PCO because photo identity proof is currently not available with every citizen. By mandating such directions even general public may not be able to contact their families in emergency situations. As such mandating such instructions may create more problems to the common citizen instead of helping the security agencies to trace the hoax calls.

#### **Internationalised domain name**

2243. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched the dot(.) bharat domain name in Devanagari script f covering eight languages, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government also proposes to launch the Internationalised Domain Name (IDN) in other Indian languages, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the benefits that are likely to accrue to the general public as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) Yes Sir, dot(.) bharat domain name in Devanagari script was launched on 27th August, 2014 covering 8 languages (Hindi, Boro, Dogri, Konkani, Maithili, Marathi, Nepali and Sindhi- Devanagari).

(b) National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) is in the process of launching. Bharat in other Indian languages namely Gujarati, Punjabi, Bengali, Manipuri, Tamil, Urdu and Telugu.

(c) Launch of dot(.) bharat in Indian languages will help the non English speaking population in rural and remote areas to type the website address in local languages and access the local language content in the respective language. This is expected to enhance the reach and relevance of Internet among the Indian population and spur the growth of content creation in multiple Indian languages.

#### **Monitoring delivery of registered newspapers and magazines**

†2244. SHRI ALI ANWAR ANSARI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether postal facility is provided by Government to registered newspapers and magazines;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.