

**Report on industry's requirements for mobile and
communications development**

1826. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state whether any comprehensive report is being submitted by Indian Cellular Association/Cellular Operators Association of India to DoT with details of the industry's requirements for mobile and communications development in the country under 'Make in India' programme, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD) : No Sir. However, a Fast Track Task Force, chaired by President, Indian Cellular Association (ICA) and having members from industry and Government, has been constituted by the Department of Electronics and Information Technology to re-establish and catalyse significant growth in mobile handset and component manufacturing eco-system in India.

Electronics Development Fund policy

1827. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government plans to develop Electronic Development Fund (EDF) policy;
- (b) if so, the aims and objectives for setting up EDF;
- (c) whether this policy will include development of domestic design capabilities, creating intellectual property (II) rights, development of nano-electronics and IT, etc;
- (d) whether the policy aims at reducing trade deficit for the segment of exports and imports; and
- (e) the structure for such mechanism and the time period for framing and implementation of such policy?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD) : (a) to (e) Government of India has notified Electronic Development Fund (EDF) policy on 6th January, 2015 and it was published in Gazette of India on 9th January 2015.

The objective of the EDF policy is to support Daughter Funds including Early