

(e) Essential drugs are listed in the National List of Essential Medicines 2011(NLEM) notified by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare .

Additional allocation to clear subsidy arrears

2610. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government requires an additional allocation of ₹ 30,000 crore to clear subsidy arrears, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the additional demand made is over and above the normal allocation, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Department of Fertilizer had requested to Ministry of Finance for additional allocation of ₹ 32, 677.00 crore (₹ in crore) under the Head “Subsidies” in the current Financial Year 2014-15 over and above the budget allocation of ₹ 77,070.33 crore to clear the subsidy arrears. The detail is as under:

(₹ in crore)

Particular	Additional Requirement
Decontrolled P & K	5,200.00
Urea (Indigenous urea)	27,477.00

Increasing internet penetrations in the country

2611. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has initiated any efforts to leverage on technology breakthrough ideas that Information Technology majors are pursuing to facilitate Wi-Fi for all, by providing internet connectivity to remote and rural areas across the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government is considering the vast benefits it can leverage by getting into a strategic partnership with such global innovators to help increase internet penetrations within the country?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The Government has delicensed Spectrum in 2.4 GHZ-2.4835 GHZ and 5.825 GHZ-5.875 GHZ band for outdoor use

and 5.10 GHZ-5.350 GHZ and 5.725 GHZ-5.875 GHZ for indoor use to facilitate Wi-Fi services.

(c) Does not arise in view of above.

Erratic mobile telephone services

2612. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received complaints that mobile telephone services have become erratic and that calls often get disconnected;

(b) whether TRAI or any other such agency has studied the phenomenon and discussed with the service providers; and

(c) if so, whether Government or the service regulator plans to penalize the cellular operators for the call drops?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) monitors the performance of cellular mobile telephone services against the Quality of Service (QoS) benchmarks laid down by TRAI in accordance with regulations, issued from time to time, through quarterly performance monitoring reports received from service providers.

As per the performance monitoring report for cellular mobile telephone service (2G/3G) for the quarter ending December, 2014, the service providers are generally meeting the benchmark for the QoS parameters. However, Complaints are being received in TRAI and these complaints are forwarded to the service providers for redressal/remedial action.

The performance on call drop is accessed through QoS parameters *viz.* call drop rate/Circuit Switch Voice drop rate (benchmark $\leq 2\%$), worst affected cells having more than 3% Traffic Channel (TCH) drop/Circuit Switched Voice drop rate during Cell Bouncing Busy Hour (CBBH) or at any other hour of a day (benchmark $\leq 3\%$). As per the performance monitoring report for 2G services for the quarter ending December, 2014, the benchmark for the parameter call drop rate is not met by M/s Aircel in two (2) service areas and by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in three (3) service areas. As regards, the parameter worst affected cells having more than 3% TCH drop (call drop) rate, M/s Aircel is not meeting the benchmark in eighteen (18) service areas, BSNL in five (5) service areas and M/s Vodafone in two (2) service areas. As regards 3G services, Aircel is not meeting the benchmark for