

these options. On the basis of the comments received from the stakeholders and further analysis thereof, TRAI issued the Telecom Consumer Protection (Ninth Amendment) Regulations, 2015 dated 16.10.2015 regarding relief to the consumers for call drops.

(c) Based on data of the TSPs, TRAI has conducted a detailed analysis of the call data and call drops data. It is observed that the total financial implication on the TSPs is likely to be not more than ₹ 200 crore per quarter, which is less than 1% of the total revenue of the TSPs. However, as per the Regulations, there is a ceiling of on relief of ₹ 3 per subscriber per day; thus, the likely financial implications would be even less than ₹ 200 crore per quarter.

#### **Project Loon**

†1506. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are technical glitches in according approved to 'Project Loon', if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, by when internet access will be made available through 'Project Loon' and the amount of money subscribers will have to pay for such facility?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir. The proposed frequency band to be used in the Loon project of Google is being used for cellular operation in India and it will lead to interference with cellular transmissions.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **4G services by BSNL**

1507. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BSNL plans to launch 4G services on 2600 MHz band in a couple of cities by March-end, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that BSNL has taken various customer-centric initiatives, such as free night calling, free roaming and is providing a minimum broadband speed of 2 Mbps to build trust, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has informed that presently there is no plan to start 4G services.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.