

TSPs have been asked to take action for enhancing the coverage by putting new mobile towers/in-building solutions in the Government buildings in Delhi. Similar action has been suggested in other parts of the country as well. The operator assured that they have taken necessary action for optimization of network and will do it on regular basis which will improve the performance of the worst affected cells. Weekly report is being obtained from the operators. As per weekly reports, there is improvement in call drop rate.

Due to proactive initiative of Department of Telecommunication, about 29 thousands new 2G/3G sites have been added by Private TSPs in their Mobile Network, across the country in the last six months. BSNL has added 4,144 new 2G/3G sites between April 2015 and Nov. 2015. In Delhi, TSPs have added 2,092 new 2G/3G sites in last six months.

In addition to above elaborate testing of Mobile service operators' Network is being done by Department of Telecommunication (DoT). Fortnightly review is being done at the highest level in DoT. Signs of improvements are already there and Operators are required to take further initiatives in this regard.

Manipulations in software of static and in-motion weighbridges

*225. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that manipulations have been found in the software of static and in-motion weighbridges of Railways for weighment purposes;

(b) if so, the quantum of freight charges likely to be lost due to such manipulations; and

(c) the action being taken by Government against the manipulators?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) to (c) Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has conducted checks on electronic in-motion weighbridges with the assistance of Vigilance Department of Zonal Railways. The outcome of the checks has not been shared by the CBI with Railways. As information in regard to the checks is not available with the Railways as of now, the Ministry of Railways is not in a position to give any details regarding the findings of the checks or about alleged manipulation of software or the loss to the exchequer, if any.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Compensation for crop failures

2241. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state: