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State-wise, is enclosed at Statement (See below). None of these closed units have investments made by SIDBI VENTURE Capital Limited.

Statement

Details of Software exporting units registered under STP Scheme

Sl.No.	Centre	2001-02	Closed Units 2002-03	2003-04
1	Karnataka	32	27	38
2	Orissa	0	0	6
5	Tamil Nadu	21	25	10
6	Gujarat	2	101	2
7	Andhra Pradesh	20	28	10
8	West Bengal	2	2	2
9	Maharashtra	23	16	37
10	Uttar Pradesh	2	7	5
11	Delhi	7	14	5
12	Haryana	4	6	7
13	Madhya Pradesh	2	2	0
14	Rajasthan	0	0	0
15	Punjab	3	19	7
16	Kerala	1	0	1
TOTAL:		119	247	130

Merger of MTNL and BSNL

409. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to merge MTNL and BSNL;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how the proposal would benefit the consumer and meet the challenge from private players?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir. There is no proposal of the Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

TRAI's broadband policy proposal

410. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has recommended a broadband policy proposal which would result in a spurt in broadband connections across the country;

(b) if so, whether the authority has finalized the recommendations and submitted to Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether according to this new policy, favours have been shown to the existing connections; and

(e) if so, to what extent, new policy proposal has been accepted and the steps taken to implement it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) have submitted the recommendations to the Government on accelerating growth of Internet and Broadband penetration.

(c) Details regarding the TRAI recommendations are given in the Statement (See below).

(d) and (e) The recommendations of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India on accelerating growth of Internet and Broadband penetration are under examination by the Government.