

5. Multi-functional electronic devices.
6. Semiconductor Equipment such as Automatic Test Handler, Pick and Place Machines, Test Head Manipulator and their accessories like Test Sockets, Probe Cards, ATE Load Boards, Conversion Kits, Docking Mechanisms.
7. Electronic security devices- including CCTV surveillance equipment, CCTV, Access Control, intruder alarms etc.
8. Electro-plating, small precision plastic and metal parts, tools, moulds and dyes.
9. Liquid Crystal Module (LCM).
10. Organic Light Emitting Diodes (OLED).
11. Chip Modules for Smart Cards.
12. Analog/ Mixed Signal Semiconductor Chips.
13. Capital Equipment for electronic products.
14. Raw material exclusively for electronic products.
15. Re-manufacturing of electronic products.

Training students to handle mobile network

2294. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry has asked telcos to train students across ITIs in line with industry's operational requirements to handle the gamut of technical work relating to roll out and maintenance of mobile network, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Ministry's directive stems from priority being accorded by Government in involving the private sector for revamping technical institutes such as ITIs for skill building, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) Yes Sir, the ministry is asked telcos to tie up with local ITIs and provide training to students as per their own needs.

In order that telcos can tie up with local ITIs and provide training to students as per their own needs, following steps have been taken till date:

- (i) A meeting of HR Heads of service providers was organised in DOT in Nov., 2014 and they were advised to tie up with local ITIs and provide training to students as per their own needs.

(ii) The department has made concentrated efforts with COAI (Cellular Operators Association of India) and in turn COAI has entrusted TSSC to identify 5-10 ITIs, Telecom Training Courses, Training Providers etc. Once ITIs, Telecom Training Courses, Trainers are finalized the service providers would be able to tie up with ITIs to train rural workforce to cater to their own need.

(iii) As a result of efforts listed above, MTS has conducted 48 trainings for the students of various ITIs across the nation.

(b) No Sir, the Government has not given any priority/directive to invite the private sector for revamping technical institutes such as ITIs for skill building.

Investment in Postal Savings Schemes

2295. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether large number of investors seeking to park their money before lower interest rates become operative from April 1, 2016 in Postal Savings Schemes, were met with crash of Core Banking System (CBS) in many cities;

(b) whether currently around ₹ 6.5 lakh crore is invested in more than ₹ 70 lakh accounts across several postal schemes and if so, whether India Posts' CBS is not yet upgraded to handle large volume transactions; and

(c) whether CBS transactions by Post Offices in higher volumes will be possible only after 31 May, 2016 because of the ongoing system upgradation process?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) No Sir. There was no crash of Core Banking System (CBS) but some slowness and intermittent inaccessibility of CBS application at many Post Offices in the last week of March, 2016. It was mainly due to large number of investors seeking to park their money before lower interest rates become operative from April 1, 2016 in Postal Savings Schemes. The Department invoked Business Continuity Plan (BCP) during the period to handle the situation and to facilitate investment by the customers in Post Office Savings Schemes.

(b) Currently around ₹ 6.79 lakh crore is the outstanding deposit in 39.93 crore postal savings accounts and savings certificates. India Posts' Core Banking System (CBS) is equipped to handle large volume transactions.

(c) The system is capable to handle higher volumes of transactions and there is no ongoing system upgradation, in process, to be completed by 31st May, 2016.