

of compliance. These entities will have a business model considering large number of commercial communication messages flowing through telecom networks. In this regard, it is observed by TRAI that such messages are in order of 20 to 30 billion in a month and it is expected that cost of compliance to implement these regulations if calculated on per message basis would be minuscule while it will give flexibility to consumers to exercise various options relating to receipt of commercial communications, manage their consent effectively and also reduce the regulatory burden of the telecom service provider due to automation of processes and sharing various functions with participating entities.

**Clarifications sought by CVC in award of contract for expansion of
national internet backbone**

1986. SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN:

SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to answers to Starred Question 229 and Unstarred Question 4557 given in the Rajya Sabha on 16 March, 2018 and 6 April, 2018 respectively and state:

- (a) whether clarifications sought by the CVC into the ₹300/- crore scam in BSNL, in award of contract for expansion of National Internet Backbone and in annual maintenance contracts along with purchase of hardware, have been sent to CVC;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of advice by CVC, till date;
- (c) if not, the reasons for the delay; and
- (d) the details of action taken against the erring companies and officials, till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) to (d) Clarifications sought by Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) have been sent to CVC on 29.6.2018. Advice of CVC is awaited. Action, if any, will be taken as per advice of CVC.

Opposition to public Wi-Fi model

1987. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the telecom operators have opposed public Wi-Fi model recommended by the TRAI, saying it will adversely impact debt ridden industry and compromise with the national security;