

Outstanding debt liabilities of Telecom operators is given below:

(₹ in crores)			
Particulars	Telecom Service Providers	Tower Companies	Total
Indian Debt	159675	18049	177724
Foreign Debt	83918		83918
Total Bank/FI Debt	243593	18049	261642
Bank Guarantees	50000		50000
Deferred Spectrum Liabilities of DoT	295864		295864
Other Third Party Liabilities	175464	4763	180227
Total Outside Liabilities	764922	22812	787734

Source: IMG Report.

#### **Testing of telecom products and equipment**

2635. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has started a facility for testing telecom products and equipment to ensure security in digital communications at the national level;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this facility would work for security from the national perspective and also facilitate the development of testing and certification eco-system in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) to (c) The Security Assurance Standards Facility (SASF) in Bengaluru has been established and entrusted with the responsibility to develop Indian Telecom Security Assurance Requirements for telecom equipment to ensure security in digital communication at the national level. This facility will work for security from the national perspective and also facilitate the development of testing and certification ecosystem in the country through participation in the activities of recognition of security test labs and security certification of telecom equipment based on test results reported by these labs.