

(c) and (d) All the 1.55 lakh post offices out of which 89 per cent are in rural areas are providing savings, remittances and insurance services. Currently 129161 branch post offices have been provided with Subscriber Identification Module (SIM) based handheld devices for carrying out online postal and financial transactions. More than 1 crore digital banking transactions are taking place every month through these devices to provide financial services in rural India. Presently more than 1.36 lakh Post offices are also working as access points of India Post Payments Bank and providing payments bank services of IPPB.

#### **Complaints of corruption against TCIL**

1429. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any complaints of misappropriation of public fund and corruption against Telecommunications Consultants India Limited (TCIL); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Since January, 2018, seven complaints have been received in the department regarding mis-appropriation of public fund and corruption against TCIL management. These complaints have been examined by vigilance section of the department. Out of the seven complaints, four have been closed being pseudonymous complaints in terms of DoP&T OM No. 104/76/2011-AVD.I dated 18.10.2013. Veracity of two complaints are being examined. One complaint has been received recently on 27.06.2019 which is under examination.

#### **Study on impact of radiation on human health**

1430. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken any research to study the harmful effects of radiations emitted by cell phone towers and its impact on human health;

(b) if so, the details thereof;