

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The overall tele-density in India is growing. The overall tele-density in Rural and Urban areas as on 31.3.2002 is 1.09 and 12.94 respectively.

Property return by District Manager

†2240. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it is mandatory for all the officers to submit the details of their property to the department at the end of the year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the District Managers of Mainpuri have not furnished their details for the last several years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have received any complaints of illegal acquisition of property; and

(d) what action is being taken against these officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The Telecom District of Mainpuri was upgraded to the level of Telecom District Manager (TDM) in July 1999. All the TDMs in position since then, have submitted their Annual Property Returns.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Appropriate action will be taken after investigation.

Surrender of Telephones in Mainpuri

†2241. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints requesting for surrendering telephone by all the subscribers on 21st October, 2002 in

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protest of disconnecting telephone services of village Kargil Shaheed and non restoration thereof by the District Manager;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the action taken against the guilty officials for not restoring the communication facilities deliberately; and

(d) by when the telephone services are likely to be restored?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Such a complaint has been received.

(b) The complaint was regarding delayed restoration/non restoration of telephone services of village Kargil Shaheed interrupted due to damages to the underground cable.

(c) and (d) Details are being collected and will be placed on the table of the House.

Complaints against the Officials of mainpuri Exchange

†2242. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a number of complaints from members of Parliament/Individuals during the last six months for allowing payments by District Manager, Mainpuri in lieu of Commission for laying of cables only six inches deep in violation of Government's policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the action taken on these complaints against the guilty officers; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Four complaints have been received. No details have been given in regard to locations where the cable has been laid at six inches depth.

(c) The case is under investigation.

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