

**Lack of material for Cable joints in Mainpuri**

†4523. SHRI GHANSHYAM CHANDRA KHARWAR:  
SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1936 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st March, 2002 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a show piece pillar constructed in front of the main building of Department of Telecom is lying incomplete for want of material for quite a long time;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the quantity of cable splicing material purchased/procured during the last five years with details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that this material has been under-utilized and sold in private hands;

(e) if not, the details of the material used year-wise; and

(f) whether the joint at Anjani Exhibition is lying uncovered without permission and thus is subject to misuse?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) No, Sir. The pillar erected was not commissioned as the same was not in the expansion plan of 2001-02. The required store has been issued.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

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(c) Information regarding jointing material supplied by Central Telecom Stores Depot are as under:

Year	Receipt	Utilised	
1997-98	1584	1282	
1998-99	713	981	
1999-2000	1197	1096	
2000-01	3236	1728	
2001-02	6870	4070	
	13600	9158	4442 (Bal.)

(d) and (e) Material has been utilized as per necessity whose details are under Para (c) above. Materials have never been sold to private hands.

(f) Joint at Anjani Exhibition is not uncovered. All the joints are covered properly.

### Internet Telephony

†4524. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have invited suggestions from the Internet Entrepreneurs to start internet telephony;

(b) if so, the details of the suggestions received by Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government are considering to encourage small and medium size IT Companies for export; and-

(d) if so, the outline prepared by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF

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