

12:00 Noon

STATEMENT BY MINISTER CORRECTING ANSWER TO QUESTION

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): Sir, in the reply to Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 150 on 27.2.2003, regarding "Landline Telephone Connections in Mumbai", a mistake has crept in inadvertently.

The existing part (b) of the answer may be amended to read as under:-

"(b) A total of 3,68,202 telephones were disconnected by MTNL, Mumbai during the period 1st January, 2001 to 31st December, Out of this, 1,64,431 telephones were disconnected due to non-payment and 2,03,771 as per request of customer. However, during the same period, there was a net addition of 1,14,254 connections at the MTNL, Mumbai network."

श्री मती सरला माहेश्वरी(पश्चिमी बंगाल) : सभापति जी, प्रधानमंत्री जी जा रहे हैं । ... (व्यवधान) ... प्रधानमंत्री जी जा रहे हैं, आप उनको बैठाइए । ... (व्यवधान) ... सभापति जी, प्रधानमंत्री जी जा रहे हैं । ... (व्यवधान) ...

श्री सभापति: आप महिलाओं की बात कर रही हैं न । ... (व्यवधान)

श्री मती सरला माहेश्वरी: प्रधानमंत्री जी वापिस आइए । (व्यवधान) ... महिलाएं आपसे इस बात का जवाब चाहती हैं । ... (व्यवधान)

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notifications of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI) : Sir, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, under section 10 of the National Highways Act. 1956:-

- (1) S.O. 707 (E) dated the 5th July, 2002, seeking to amend S.O. 716 (E) dated the 21st August, 1998 regarding fees to be collected from users of Athupalam bridge across river Noyyal in km 161/2 of National Highway-47 in Tamil Nadu