

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 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2001 to 31<sup>st</sup> 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."

श्रीमती सरला माहेस्वरी (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)...

श्रीमती सरला माहेस्वरी : 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 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2002, seeking to amend S.O. 716 (E) dated the 21<sup>st</sup> 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