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Share of Huawei and ZTE in telecom market

481 Sh. V. Vijayasai Reddy (Andhra Pradesh):

COMMUNICATIONS:-

- (a) whether India has banned purchasing telecom gears from Chinese companies;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Government has issued an order in this regard;

(c) i f s o , t h e d e t a i l s t h e r e o f;

- (d) what is the share held by Huawei and ZTE companies in the telecom market of the country; a n d

- (e) whether it is also a fact that DoT has issued an order mandating to provide source code as far as telecom equipment is concerned for renewed focus on network security?

Target date of completion of BharatNet Phase-II

482 Sh. V. Vijayasai Reddy (Andhra Pradesh):

COMMUNICATIONS:-

- (a) the target date of completion of BharatNet Phase-II;
- (b) whether it is a fact that out of the targeted 1.5 lakh Gram Panchayats to be provided with internet, only 7.5 per cent have been provided with last mile connectivity;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that it is targeted to lay 3.11 lakh kms of optical fiber cable, but so far only 92,000 kms have been covered; and
- (d) if so, the reasons behind (a) and (b) above; and (e) impact of COVID-19 on this project, with particular reference to Andhra Pradesh?

Fibre cable laid by BSNL

483 Sh. Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy (Andhra Pradesh):

COMMUNICATIONS:-

- (a) whether it is a fact that out of total 27,550 kms of optic fibre cable laid by BSNL, cable in 19,500 kms has been removed and replaced; (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is a fact that implementation of BharatNet Phase-II in Andhra Pradesh is the poorest with number of service ready GPs not even 1 per cent as of March, 2019;
- (d) status as of 1st March, 2020 relating to (c) above; and
- (e) amount that has been spent so far in Phase-II in Andhra Pradesh and what plans Ministry has to push up Phase-II in Andhra Pradesh?

Impact of VRS in BSNL on BharatNet project

484 Sh. Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy (Andhra Pradesh):

COMMUNICATIONS:-

- (a) whether it is a fact that as of January, 2020, only 1.33 lakh Gram Panchayats (GPs) have been made service ready when compared to targeted 2.5 GPs under BharatNet;
- (b) if so, the details of targets set in Phase-I and Phase-II, State-wise, and reasons for not achieving the target;
- (c) what impact VRS in BSNL has on the BharatNet project; and
- (d) by when the Ministry is going to achieve the above target and what plans it has for covering other villages in the country?

Internet connectivity and training centres for digital literacy

485 Sh. Mahesh Poddar (Jharkhand):

COMMUNICATIONS:-

- (a) the initiatives taken by Government to improve access to internet connectivity and training centres for digital literacy; and
(b) whether Government has taken cognizance of problems like less interest in rural population towards digital literacy programmes, lack of internet access in rural areas and lack of effective grievances redressal system, if so, the efforts being made to address the above problems?

Scheme to link Jan Dhan Accounts with IPPB

486 Sh. Mahesh Poddar (Jharkhand):

COMMUNICATIONS:-

- (a) the results of banking facilities and door step delivery facilities of Government aids provided through India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) in urban and rural areas, the details thereof, State-wise; and
(b) whether Government propose to work on the scheme to link Jan Dhan Accounts with India Post Payments Bank by which it can take advantage of vast network of country's post offices for door step delivery of Government aids, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Purchase of Chinese equipment for providing 4G spectrum to BSNL/MTNL

487 Sh. Vivek K. Tankha (Madhya Pradesh):

COMMUNICATIONS:-

- (a) whether Government has purchased any equipment from any Chinese company or vendor for providing 4G spectrum to BSNL/MTNL;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount spent on such Chinese equipment; and
(c) whether the Ministry plan to continue with such prior arrangements given the position with China today?

Delay in 4G Spectrum to BSNL/MTNL

488 Sh. Vivek K. Tankha (Madhya Pradesh):

COMMUNICATIONS:-

(a) whether it is a fact that BSNL had earned operating profit in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017 due to revival package provided by Government in the year 2013-14, yet it was forced again towards losses by not providing sufficient and timely 4G spectrum which could have enabled them to launch 4G services effectively; and
(b) if so, the reasons for this delay in providing 4G spectrum to BSNL/MTNL?

Impact of Supreme Court judgement on mobile communication

489 Sh. K.J. Alphons (Rajasthan):

COMMUNICATIONS:-

(a) the impact of the Supreme Court judgment on AGR dues by telecommunication companies; (b) the total amount which will have to be paid by various companies; and
(c) whether in the light of the experience in AGR sharing formula, Government proposes to formulate a new formula for future auctions?

Creation of level system for universities under the New National Education Policy

490 Sh. Vishambhar Prasad Nishad(Uttar Pradesh) :

Sh. Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav(Uttar Pradesh) :

Smt. Chhaya Verma(Chhattisgarh) :

EDUCATION:-

(a) status of creation of universities of different levels as prescribed in the New National Education Policy;
(b) whether it is a fact that those universities which will not take financial grant from Government, would exercise autonomy to undertake teachings;
(c) the structure of education system for the students belonging to SC, ST and OBC community in such universities;
(d) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal in the New National Education Policy for merging institutions which monitor education sector at different levels and set up a single body instead; and (e) if so, whether such body will have excessive burden?

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