

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1453
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28th JULY, 2021**

MoUs FOR ICT SERVICES

1453. SHRI JAYANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) signed between India and other countries in the field of Telecommunication/ICTs that are currently in force;
- (b) the common areas of interest for cooperation in the sector; and
- (c) the nature of the performance of these MoUs with respect to projects initiated, completed, or at various stages over the last ten years?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)**

- (a) The Department of Telecommunications and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, have 12 Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) and 4 MoUs respectively, signed between India and other countries in the field of Telecommunication/ICTs that are currently in force.
- (b) The common areas of interest for cooperation in the sector are Policy and Regulation; Spectrum Management; Wireless Communications; Satellite Communications; Next Generation Wireless Technologies like 5G, Internet of Things (IoT)/ Machine to Machine (M2M) Communication, Big Data, Smart Cities, Cloud Computing, Artificial Intelligence Technologies; Rural Telephony System; Standardizations and Certification; Technologies Development; Disaster Management/ Emergency Communications; Network Security and Incident Response; Coordination of position at International Telecommunications Organisations; Capacity Building in High Technology Areas; Research and Development; Sharing Expertise and Best Practices in the field of e-Governance; Human Resource Development for IT education; Industry-to-Industry Cooperation; Cyber-Security; Joint Organization of Technical Workshops; Seminars and Training session in the field of ICT etc.
- (c) These MoUs, inter-alia, enable regular interactions in identified areas in the field of Telecommunication/ICTs facilitating trade, investment, exchange of best practices, information sharing, building technical expertise and capacity. These MoUs also help to explore opportunities for enhancement of bilateral engagements and cooperation at multi-lateral platforms.
