REGULATORY TRAINING
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SUMMARY REPORT

Name of Session:	*Universal service: Indian Experience* (7 July 2003: a.m.)
Name of Rapporteur:	*Mrs. Tamir, CRC, Mongolia*
Name of Speaker:	*Mr. Rajendra Singh, Telecommunication Regulatory Authority of India*
Summary of Presentation:	1. Brief overview of Indian telecommunications. 2. Universal access through VPTs/PCOs 3. Universal service in multi-operator environment 4. New Telecom Policy 1999 5. Universal Service funding 6. Universals service objective guidelines 7. Funding sources for USO in India 8. Bringing digital divide 9. Internet kiosks 10. Rural telecom incentives 11. Experiences and lessons
Highlights of Question & Answer session:	Q: Ms. Oyuntsetseg:, CRC: Is postal service is included in USO? A: Mr. Sharil: In Malaysia we have 2 separate laws for postal services and basic services. But for the USO fund we intend to cover all services. A: Mr. Singh: In India these 2 services are included in the same category. Q: Dr. Kim: Are there any policy from the Government of Mongolia that you will develop own strategy on USO fund? A: Mr. Narmandakh, MOI: In Mongolia we have developed Master program on rural telecommunications development and we hope that we will include some certain provisions on USO in this program. But the laws state that any ministry has no power and right to establish a fund and this issue is regulated by the directives from the Prime Minister of Mongolia. A: Mr. Sharil: The most important thing is that you have to be careful on mentioning any specific numbers on contributions, because the fund is regulated by law, and any time you have a need to make changes on these numbers, you will have to make amendments in laws, which is very time-consuming procedure, which will impact on your activities negatively.

	Q: Mr. Tumur, CRC: In the presentation Mr. Singh mentioned about e-governance project implemented in India. Who finances this project? A: Mr. Singh: This project is self-sustanable and financed by incomes generated through providing Internet services to rural costumers. A: Dr. Kim: The financing of e-governance projects depends on various countries. For example, in Korea this project is financed by the Government of Korea, and in Thailand this project is planned to be implemented through government assistance. The another significance of this project is that it assists to the inter-understanding not only inside of the government, but among different governments of other countries.
Recommendations **(if any):**	