

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 375
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24TH JULY, 2024**

MOBILE AND TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS

**375 SHRI KRISHNA PRASAD TENNETI:
SHRI Y S AVINASH REDDY:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the statistics detailing the growth in the total number of telephone and mobile connections over the last decade;
- (b) the details regarding the growth in Internet and broadband penetration during this period; and
- (c) the details regarding any increase in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the sector?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(DR. PEMMASANI CHANDRA SEKHAR)**

(a) & (b) The growth in the total number of telephone connections, mobile connections, internet and broadband subscriptions over the last decade are as follows:

	As on 31.03.2014	As on 31.03.2024	Growth (%)
Telephone Connections (In Crores)	93.3	119.87	28.48
Mobile Connections (In Crores)	90.45	116.59	28.90
Internet Subscriptions (In Crores)*	25.16	95.44	279.33
Broadband Subscriptions (In Crores)*	6.09	92.41	1417.41

*Source: TRAI's Quarterly report on Telecom Services performance indicators (2014 & 2024)

(c) Telecom Sector has been one of the largest recipients of Foreign Direct Investment. Telecom Sector has received FDI of 25.16 Billion US dollars in the period 2014-2024 as against 12.83 Billion US dollars in the period 2004-14.
