

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

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BIDS FOR TELECOM CIRCLES  
GUNIPATI RAMAIAH

**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of telecom circles for which bids were received from the Multinational and Indian companies jointly before 1995 for installation of telephones as per provisions of National Telecom Policy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

- (a) Sir, before the year 1995 i.e. upto December, 1994, bids received in terms of National Telecom Policy-1994 were nil.
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) In terms of National Telecom Policy-1994, bids for grant of licences for Basic Telephone Service and Cellular Mobile Telephone Service were invited from Indian registered companies. On completion of the bidding process, successful bidders were granted licenses.