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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the number of cellular subscribers in metropolitan cities viz Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Kolkata, Chennai & Hyderabad as on date, City-wise ;
- (b) whether there has been a fall in the number of cellular subscribers during the past few months;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the rate of increase in the number of cellular subscribers during the first six months of the current financial year in the above cities?

Answer

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

(a) Sir, for Cellular Mobile Telephone Service (CMTS) Licences, the country is divided into 24 Service Areas consisting of 4 Metro City Service Areas (viz. Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai) and 20 Telecom Circle Service Areas. A subscriber of CMTS belongs to the whole of Service Area and not to a particular place within the Service Area. Thus, a subscriber in Bangalore or Hyderabad would belong respectively to Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh Service Areas.

As per the information provided by Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) on behalf of Cellular Operators the number of CMTS subscribers as on 31.10.2002 in the six Service Areas are given in the Annexure.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) The number of Cellular subscribers and the rate of increase during the first six months of the current financial year in the six Service Areas is given in the Annexure.

ANNEXURE

Number of CMTS Subscribers as on 31.10.2002 and the rate of increase during first 6 months of the current financial year

Sl.No.	No. of Subscribers in the Telecom Circle/Metro City Service Area as on	Delhi	Mumbai	Chennai	Kolkata	Andhra Pradesh	Karnataka
1	31.3.2002	1067676	974081	260237	265763	495841	400134
2	30.4.2002	1121630	1015188	267774	284449	509753	412376
3	31.5.2002	1174428	1066358	275401	304771	533183	424344
4	30.6.2002	1250248	1121714	286047	322019	559056	447197
5	31.7.2002	1300065	1150433	308027	344328	591115	478919
6	31.8.2002	1351218	1277963	332683	362761	630637	504550
7	30.9.2002	1404370	1348773	353044	384536	652880	531282
8	Rate of increase in CMTS Subscribers from 31.3.2002 to 30.9.2002	31.54%	38.47%	35.66%	44.69%	31.67%	32.78%
9	No. of Subscribers as on	1474203	1415132	370530	412785	660918	548732

