

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1201
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ACTION AGAINST CELLULAR TELEPHONE COMPANIES
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA;UTTAMRAO NATHUJI DHIKALE

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of cellular telephone companies who have not yet started their operations though they have been granted licences much earlier;
- (b) the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the action Government propose to take against these operators ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (c) : Sir, out of the companies who hold Cellular Telephone Services Licenses at present, only one company namely M/s. Hexacom India Limited have not yet started their cellular service in North East Telecom Circle. M/s Hexacom have informed that due to difficult law and order situation, they could not start their operation in North East yet. A decision was taken to allow additional time, as required by the licensee company to start the service, in view of the prevailing circumstances.