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

- (a) the names of the private cellular companies that are providing their services in Maharashtra, location-wise;
- (b) the number of SIM Cards provided in these areas; and
- (c) the details of the criteria prescribed by these cellular companies for providing SIM Cards?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Following private companies have been licenced to provide Access Services (including mobile services) in the state of Maharashtra:

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No. Name of Private Access Services Licensees Name of Service

	Area	
1	M/s. BPL Mobile Communications Limited	Mumbai
2	M/s. Hutchison Essar Limited	Mumbai
3	M/s. Bharti Airtel Limited	Mumbai
4	M/s. Reliance Infocomm Ltd.	Mumbai
5	M/s. Tata Teleservices (Maharashtra) Ltd.	Mumbai
6	M/s. IDEA Cellular Limited	Mumbai
7	M/s. Aircel Limited	Mumbai
8	M/s. IDEA Cellular Limited	Maharashtra
9	M/s. Hutchison Essar Cellular Limited	Maharashtra
10	M/s. Bharti Airtel Limited	Maharashtra
11	M/s. Reliance Infocomm Ltd.	Maharashtra
12	M/s. Tata Teleservices (Maharashtra) Ltd.	Maharashtra
13	M/s. Aircel Limited	Maharashtra

Maharashtra Service Area includes Goa and excludes Mumbai Service Area.

(b) As on 28th February, 2007, the number of mobile phones (including Wireless in Local Loop) provided by private companies are 86,37,547 in Mumbai service area and 1,01,84,239 in Maharashtra Service Area.

(c) Access Services Providers are required to ensure adequate verification of each and every customer before enrolling him as a subscriber. As per prevailing instructions, they are required to obtain duly filled up Customer Acquisition Forms (CAF)/Subscriber Acquisition Forms (SAF), photograph, identity proof and address proof before providing any mobile connection.