

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:680  
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SUBSCRIBERS OF WIRELESS PHONE AND BROADBAND CONNECTIONS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the number of consumers opting for wireless phone and broadband connection is constantly increasing in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the number of consumers of landline phones is sliding as against the increasing number of wireless phone consumers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the number of wireless phone customers in the country, company-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of subscriber base of wireless phones and broadband connections for the past five months are given below:

Item    Subscriber base (in million) at the end of

Sept. 07   Oct. 07   Nov. 07   Dec. 07   Jan. 08

Wireless Telephones   209.09   217.14   225.46   233.63   242.40

Broadband connections   2.61   2.70   2.80   3.01   3.24

The Broadband figure for Jan. 08 is provisional.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The details of subscriber base of fixed phones and wireless phones for the past five months are given below:

Item    Subscriber base (in million) at the end of

Sept.07   Oct.07   Nov.07   Dec.07   Jan.08

Fixed Telephones   39.58   39.41   39.31   39.25   39.22

Wireless Telephones 209.09 217.14 225.46 233.63 242.40

(e) The number of wireless phone customers in the country, as on 31.12.2007, Company-wise are as given below:

Sl. No. Name of Company Number of wireless subscribers as on 31.01.2008 (in million)

|    |                            |        |
|----|----------------------------|--------|
| 1  | BSNL                       | 37.99  |
| 2  | Bharti Airtel              | 57.42  |
| 3  | Reliance Telecom. Ltd.     | 42.57  |
| 4  | Vodafone                   | 41.14  |
| 5  | Tata Teleservices Ltd.     | 22.54  |
| 6  | Idea Mobile Communications | 21.95  |
| 7  | Aircel                     | 9.93   |
| 8  | MTNL                       | 3.29   |
| 9  | Spice Communications       | 3.94   |
| 10 | BPL Mobile                 | 1.26   |
| 11 | HFCL Infotel Ltd.          | 0.27   |
| 12 | Shyam Telelink Ltd.        | 0.10   |
|    | Total                      | 242.40 |