

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

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NO SERVICE ZONE AREA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of cellular service operators are breaching the guidelines of `No service zone area` alongside the international borders of the country including Punjab:
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT)

(a): Madam, as per existing guidelines, presently no area is categorized as `No service zone area` for providing mobile service alongside the international borders of the country including Punjab. The earlier conditions of `No service zone` putting restrictions on placement of mobile towers in 500 meter width along the international border within Indian Territory has been removed in July 2008 subject to the condition that signal emanating from the base station, cell site or Radio transmitter fade out when nearing or about to cross such borders.

(b) & (c): Do not arise in view of (a) above.