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PROCUREMENT OF TELECOM EQUIPMENT  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Department of Telecom is according security clearance to 3G spectrum applications for the procurement of equipment from non-chinese vendors;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the number of telecom companies at present that run 2G network on equipment manufactured by Chinese vendors alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to allow telecom companies to use Chinese equipment in all network or banned in all network?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT)

(a) to (b) Madam, amendments have been issued in December, 2009 in the Licence Agreements of all Telecom Service Providers for security related concerns stipulating that LICENSEE(S) shall apply to the Licensor for security clearance, along with the details of equipment(s) as well as details of equipment(s) suppliers and manufacturers including. Original Equipment Manufactures (OEM), before placement of the final purchase order for procurement/upgradation of equipment/software for provisioning of telecommunications services under the licence and that it shall also include any such activity by the franchisee, agents or person of that licensees. In case, no response is received from the Licensor within thirty working days, it shall be presumed that there is no objection to procurement. This include for all type telecom equipment

(2G/3G or Land line) procurement.

(c) The telecom company have been purchasing and building their network according to their technical and business plan requirements and availability of various equipments from vendors of various countries. Almost all the telecom service provider companies have procured certain network elements from Chinese vendors.

(d) Government is working on proposed scheme of the centre for Telecom Testing and Security Certification so that telecom service provider could procure equipment from vendors from any countries while mitigating security threats to Telecom networks.