

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

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INCREASE IN SUBSCRIBERS OF MOBILE TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the number of mobile telephone subscribers is increasing continuously in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any policy regarding manufacturing of such mobile telephone handsets which can mitigate or end the risk caused by such mobile handsets;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. The detail of number of wireless telephone connections in the country for the last three years is given below:

As on Number of Wireless  
telephone connections

31.03.2008 261.08 million

31.03.2009 391.76 million

31.03.2010 584.32 million

31.05.2010 617.53 million

(c) to (e) All indigenous manufacturers of mobile handsets, through Indian Cellular Association (ICA), have been directed to ensure that the guidelines recommended by International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) regarding basic restrictions and reference levels for limiting Electro-Magnetic Field (EMF) exposure and "Test Schedule/ Test Procedure for Specific Absorption Rate (SAR) Measurement" are strictly complied. Manufacturers of mobile handsets have been directed to furnish self-certification for complying with these guidelines.