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MOBILE VIRTUAL NETWORK OPERATOR ROUTE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some telecom companies are planning to start the telecom operations through Mobile Virtual Network Operator (MVNO) route in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any guidelines in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) Madam, the Government has taken the decision on introduction of Mobile Virtual Network Operator (MVNO). The policy guidelines for MVNO are under consideration in the Department of Telecom (DoT). Being a policy matter no time frame can be indicated. During March 2010, one company has indicated their desire to obtain MVNO Licence. However, after the policy guidelines are announced the interested companies may approach government for MVNO Licence.