

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

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NEW CELLULAR SERVICES  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the target fixed for 2010 for upgrading and installing new cellular services through out the country is likely to be achieved;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) As per Eleventh Five Year Plan, a target of 600 million telephone connections by March 2012 was fixed which has already been achieved. As on 30.09.2010, there are 723.28 million telephone connections in the country out of which 687.72 million are wireless connections.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.