

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1972
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BLOCKING OF LOST MOBILE PHONES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of mobile subscribers in the country, State-wise and Company-wise including Jharkhand;
- (b) whether Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) is exploring the possibility to block the lost or stolen mobile handsets in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has taken any effective steps to collect information regarding lost or stolen mobile handsets in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Jharkhand?

Answer

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

- (a) Madam, the information on number of mobile subscribers in the country is as per Annexure.
- (b) & (c) TRAI has released a consultation paper on "Issues Relating to blocking of IMEI for lost/stolen mobile handsets" on 2.11.2010. Stakeholders were requested to offer their comments by 30th November, 2010 and counter comments, if any, by 7th December 2010.
- (d) & (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the floor of the house.