

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

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NUMBER OF MOBILE COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of mobile companies including private are functioning in the country during the last three years and the current year, company-wise;
- (b) the norms for launching new companies;
- (c) whether private mobile companies are offering such attractive schemes to the customers which are affecting Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) adversely;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether all the foreign telecom companies have installed servers in the country;
- (f) if so, whether the said companies have been following the guidelines of the Government;
- (g) if not, the reasons for granting permission to such companies; and
- (h) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) Company wise list of Access Services/Cellular Mobile Telecom Services (CMTS) Licences as on 30.11.2010 is at Annexure.
- (b) The Unified Access Services Licences (UASL) are issued based on UASL guidelines dated 14.12.2005 to an Indian Company registered under Companies Act.-1956.
- (c) & (d) BSNL and MTNL continuously introduces/revises its tariff as per market trend and other conditions from time to time.
- (e) to (h) As per the terms and conditions of Licence Agreement, the Telecom Service Providers are required to facilitate the interception and monitoring on communication through their networks. Security agencies have reported that some of the services offered by the service providers cannot be intercepted and monitored by them in readable format. These services are using complex technologies and the Government is in consultation with Telecom Industry and experts to find out a solution for interception and monitoring of these services.