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MOBILE NUMBER PORTABILITY

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce Mobile Number Portability (MNP) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to impose penalty on the service providers for failing to provide enabling infrastructure for the Mobile Number Portability;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which it is likely to be implemented all over the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam, the Government has decided to introduce the Mobile Number Portability (MNP) Service in the country. For this purpose, MNP License has been issued as per details below:

(i) M/s. Syniverse Technologies (India) Pvt. Ltd, for MNP Service zone-1 (containing Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh(East), Uttar Pradesh (West), Delhi and Mumbai Service Areas).

(ii) M/s. MNP Interconnection Telecom Solutions India Pvt. Ltd., for MNP Service Zone-2 (containing Andhara Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Karnataka, Keral, Madhya Pradesh, North East, Orissa, Tamil Nadu including Chennai, West Bengal and Kolkata Service Areas).

(c)to(e) Madam, the whole network [all Access Service Providers in all service areas and International Long Distance Operators (ELDOs) in the country have to be ready and tested before the Mobile Number Portability (MNP)] Service is implemented. Keeping the complexity and enormity of the testing involved before MNP is implemented and keeping in view the status of implementation by various operators, in June 2010, Government set the time line for implementation of MNP to 31st October, 2010. The status has been reviewed. The networks are now technically ready for launch of MNP. To facilitate an orderly and reliable introduction of MNP services, a suitable migration plan has been evolved in consultation with Mobile Service Providers. It has been decided that the countrywide launch of MNP services will start from Haryana Licensed Service Area on 25t November 2010. MNP Service in rest of the service areas across the country will be implemented subsequent to the launch in Haryana.