

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

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TELECOM REVOLUTION
Ponnam Shri Prabhakar

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

(a) whether the revolution in the telecom sector during the last decade or so helped our country to become one of the advanced nations of the world; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the comparison with other countries and the action plan prepared by the Government to continue the momentum in the future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA)

(a) There has been continuous increase in the number of telephone connections in the country and has emerged as one of the fastest growing telecom markets in the world. The country has 886 million telephone connections as on 30.06.2011 and is the second largest telecom network in the world after China.

(b) The comparison of Indian telecom network with other major countries is given in the Annexure-I and Annexure-II.

The steps taken/ being taken by the Government to expand the telephone network in the country are given in Annexure-III.