

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OF EQUIPMENT BY ITIL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to allow Indian Telecom Industries Limited (ITIL) to change its product mix to enable the production of mobile phones and other products;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) There is no restriction from Government on Indian Telephone Industries Ltd. (ITIL) for changing its product mix for telecom products and Company is taking action to include other products in its line of manufacturing. However, at present ITIL does not have any plan to manufacture mobile phones as it is not economically viable due to severe competition, drastic fall in prices, frequent change of technology, models and requirement of huge investments.

(b) & (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.