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STRATEGIC PLAN FOR GROWTH OF TELCOM SECTOR

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

- (a) the number of telephone subscribers separately for landline and mobile in the country, company-wise and rural-urbanwise;
- (b) the objectives that had been outlined by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) when it was formed and the extent to which these objectives have been achieved;
- (c) whether the Government has prepared/proposes to be prepare strategic plan to steer the growth of telecom sector into the next phase;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the areas included in the aforesaid plan?

Answer

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

- (a) The number of telephone subscribers separately for landline and mobile in the country, company-wise and rural-urban-wise are given in Annexure.
- (b) The objectives of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) are to regulate telecommunication, broadcasting and cable TV services, to protect the interest of service providers and consumers and to promote and ensure orderly growth of these sectors. TRAI has been able to achieve the above objectives. TRAI has contributed significantly in the growth of telecom, broadcasting and cable TV services in terms of increase in the number of service providers, consumer base and network of services across the length and breadth of the country. The growth has resulted in overall benefits to the consumer in terms of choice of services, affordable tariff, better quality of service, etc.
- (c)to(e): Government has prepared a Strategic Plan of Department of Telecom for next five years i.e. 2011-15 which is available on DoT website- www.dot.gov.in.