

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

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BLACKBERRY SERVICE/HANDSETS

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

- (a) whether the private telecom operators are providing their services on blackberry mobile sets;
- (b) if so, the rules/guidelines issued by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) telecom companies are also providing their service on blackberry mobile sets;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor and its impact on PSU telecom companies in terms of customer base and revenue loss?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b) Private telecom operators are providing their services on Black Berry Mobile sets. All the telecom service providers have been mandated through the license agreement, to provide the lawful interception facilities to the designated security agencies for all the services including blackberry provided by them.

(c)to(e) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL), both Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) telecom companies are also providing their service on blackberry mobile sets. Therefore, there is no loss to the PSUs on this account.