

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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3G SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a remarkable rise in the number of 3G service customers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, circle-wise;
- (c) whether BSNL and MTNL are lagging behind in increasing their 3G customer base as compared to private telecom operators;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) The data for the number of 3G subscribers is not available at present.
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c)to(e) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) have enabled 3G facility to all their Cellular mobile customers so that the subscribers can access 3G services if they are having 3G handset. As on 31.10.2011, BSNL and MTNL had 91.55 million and 5.36 million Cellular mobile customers respectively up from 86.27 million and 5.20 million respectively as on 31.03.2011.