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VIOLATION OF LICENCING NORMS

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

- (a) whether some private mobile operators have allegedly violated the terms of their licences;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the nature of such violations, circle-wise and operator-wise;
- (e) whether some of the private mobile operators are providing Evolution Data Optimize (EVDO) services/3G services in some of the circles/areas unauthorisedly, especially while roaming;
- (d) if so, the details alongwith the revenue loss caused to the Government as a result thereof;
- (e) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has taken the cognizance of the issue; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) Madam, recently it has been brought to the notice of the Government that some telecom service providers are providing Evolution Data Optimize (EVDO) services/3G services in some of the circles/service areas unauthorizedly. The matter is under examination.

(e)&(f) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has intimated that in their opinion, private mobile operators who are providing 3G services in those service areas where they have not been allocated the 3G spectrum using intra circle roaming arrangements is, prima facie, a violation of the terms and conditions of License. TRAI has further intimated that if the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) finds that these service providers are in violation of CMTS/UAS license terms and conditions, it may take appropriate actions as per terms and conditions against the service providers in the concerned service areas. The matter is under examination.