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INTERNET SURFING THROUGH MOBILE TABLETS

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

- (a) the present usage of Internet on smart phones and tablet computers in the country. State-wise;
- (b) whether new Internet users in India will log on mostly via their mobile phones;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and (D) the target for Internet penetration by both modes fixed by the Government for the Twelfth Five Year Plan?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRISACHIN PILOT)

(a): As per the information provided by TRAI, the number of registered mobile data subscribers, capable of accessing Internet, for last five years are as follows :

Sl. No.	Year(as on 31st Dec)	Data Subscribers(in Millions)
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1	2007	57.83
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2	2008	101.10
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3	2009	149.03
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4	2010	332.43
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5	2011	431.37
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(State wise break-up of data are not available)

(b)and(c): Currently most of the users are using both mobile and PCs/tablets for accessing the Internet. However, with the increasing availability of low cost mobile phones with the inbuilt Internet features it is likely that most of the new Internet users will be accessing the Internet through mobiles.

(d): The Department of Telecom/TRAI recommendations on national Broadband Plan have set the following targets for Broadband:

The National Broadband Plan envisages provision of 75 million broadband connections

(17 million DSL, 30 million cable and 28 million Wireless broadband) by the year 2012 and 160 million broadband connections (22

million DSL, 78 million cable and 60 million Wireless broadband) by the year 2014.