

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE OF TELECOM OPERATORS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the operators which have not rolled out services and set up towers in rural areas till date even after getting licenses for the same in 2008;
- (b) whether the Government has reviewed/proposes to review the performance of telecom operators regarding providing telecom services in rural areas;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard;
- (d) whether many of the operators have not used even their 50% spectrum as on date after getting licenses for the same in 2008; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

- (a) Madam, as per relevant condition of Unified Access Service (UAS) License in respect of roll out obligations, there is no requirement of mandatory coverage of rural areas.
- (b) & (c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (d) & (e) Percentage utilization of allotted spectrum to Licensees is not analyzed.