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3G AND 4G SERVICES

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

- (a) whether the 3G services have not been successful in the country so far and are far below the envisaged target;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of 3G subscribers in the country, circle-wise and service-provider-wise;
- (c) whether the quality of 3G service is also very poor;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the reasons for starting 4G services at a time when 3G services have not become successful?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) The 3G spectrum was auctioned in middle of the year 2012 and it takes 1-3 years for operator to roll-out its network and the roll out of 3G net works in india is still in nascent stage therefore to that effect the off take of 3G services has not been considerable. But rollout of 3Gs services ensures that the high speed data services are made available to towns/pockets, where out of reach of broad band services. Almost 80,000 BTSs of 3G services already installed in 5000 + cities and small towns, the availability of data services to Indian consumers have improved considerably. Presently 3G subscriber data is not available.

(e) The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has issued consultation paper on IMT-Advanced Mobile Wireless Broadband Services.