

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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G SERVICES

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

- (a) whether the 3G services have been launched in all the telecom circles in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, operator-wise and if not, the time by which the service is proposed to be launched in every part of the country;
- (c) whether due to the lack of infrastructural facilities, 3G services have not become successful;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (e) whether 3G services are costly as compared to 2G services;
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (g) the measures taken by the Government to sort out the above said shortcomings and make 3G services available and affordable to common people?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The status of launch of commercial services using 3G spectrum as received from the licensees who were allocated 3G spectrum is attached as Annexure-I. As per amendments to Unified Access Service (UAS)/CMTS Licence Agreement to use 3G spectrum for provision of telecom services, the licensees have to roll out the network as per terms provided in the amendment using 3G spectrum within 5 years from the date on which the right to commercially use the 3G spectrum commences with the license i.e. 01-09-2010 onwards. Hence, prescribed time frame for roll out is yet not over.

(c) to (g) Inputs on the matter are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.