

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LAUNCHING OF G SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has introduced/proposes to introduce 4G services in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and company-wise;
- (c) the total number of 4G connections provided by the telecom companies as on date, company-wise;
- (d) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has released consultation paper on 4G spectrum;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the responses received thereon; and
- (f) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) The government has allotted Broad Band Wireless Access (BWA) Spectrum for 4G services to six different service providers through Auction apart from BSNL & MTNL. State-wise and company-wise details of such service providers is given at Annexure.
- (c) BSNL has provided a 50077 connections through 4G/WiMAX and Bharti Airtel has provided 3180 subscribers through 4G network.
- (d) to (f) TRAI has released the consultation paper "IMT Advances Mobile Wireless Broadband Services" on 19.08.2011. The comments have been received from 23 stakeholders, which are available on TRAI's website www.trai.gov.in. The Open House Discussion was held on 19th January 2012. The comments received are being examined by the Authority.