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NUMBER PORTABILITY FOR J K AND NER
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Department of Telecom (DoT) proposes to consult law enforcement agencies including armed forces in all its policies related to Number Portability in regard to Jammu and Kashmir and North Eastern States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether one nation one number under the New Telecom Policy will be applicable in these States;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether any meeting with law enforcing agencies and armed forces has been held in this regard; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the present position of roaming charges in these areas?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Madam, at present no such proposal is under consideration.

(c) & (d) In the National Telecom Policy-2012, there are two provisions related to Number Portability as under:-

Para 13 Objectives:- Achieve One Nation - Full Mobile Number Portability and work towards One Nation - Free Roaming.

Para 3.13 of Strategies:-To extend Intra-circle mobile number portability facility on nationwide basis so that the users can retain their mobile number while shifting from one service area to another irrespective of the service provider.

However, there is nothing specifically mentioned in National Telecom Policy about J&K or NER w.r.t. Number Portability. ;

(e) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

(f) The Telecommunication Tariff Order (44th Amendment) issued by TRAI has specified ceiling tariff for regional and national roaming service which is applicable to all service areas including J&K and North East. The per minute ceiling charges are Rs. 1.40 for outgoing local calls, Rs. 2.40 for outgoing STD calls and Rs. 1.75 for incoming calls.