

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the number of subscribers of wireless telephone connections and Broad-band connections has continuously been increasing in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the number of subscribers of the Landline telephone connections have been decreasing in comparison to the subscribers of the wireless telephone connections in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of wireless telephone subscribers in the country, company-wise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The details of number of wireless telephone subscribers and Broad- band subscribers in the country for the last 3 years are given below:

At the end of March Number of subscribers (in millions)  
Wireless telephones Broadband

2007	165.09	2.29
2008	261.08	3.81
2009	391.76	6.07
As on 31.10.2009	488.40	7.02#

# The broadband subscribers figure is as on 30.09.2009 (latest available).

(c) & (d) The number of landline telephone subscribers have been decreasing whereas the wireless telephone subscribers are increasing in the country. The details of number of landline and wireless telephone subscribers in the country for the last 3 years are given below:

At the end of March Number of subscribers (in millions)  
Landline telephones Wireless telephones

2007	40.77	165.09
2008	39.41	261.08
2009	37.96	391.76
As on 31.10.2009	37.25	488.40

The number of wireless telephone subscribers in the country, company-wise, as on 31.10.2009 is given below:

Sl.No.	Name of Company	Number of Wireless telephone subscribers
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Public Sector:

1. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. 59,431,839
2. Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. 4,746,591

Private Sector:

3. Bharti Airtel 113,213,508
4. Reliance Telecom Ltd. And Reliance Communications Ltd. 88,214,139
5. Vodafone Essar 85,826,258
6. Tata Teleservices Ltd. 50,663,758
7. Idea Mobile Communication 53,354,950
8. Aircel 27,746,797
9. Loop Mobile 2,545,151
10. HFCL Infotel Ltd. 366,051
11. Sistema Shyam Teleservices Ltd. 2,296,374
- All-India Total (1 to 11) 488,405,416