

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has fixed deadline for nationwide mobile number portability;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there has been an apprehension that the deadline fixed by the Government for the mobile number portability will be a tough task considering the capacity constraints;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government to introduce nationwide mobile number portability within the stipulated time frame?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) Madam. One of the objective of the Government in National Telecom Policy (NTP) -2012 is to achieve One Nation – Full Mobile Number Portability. Department of Telecommunication has fixed end of year 2013 as target for achievement of this objective.
- (c) & (d) There is no such apprehension at present.
- (e) The Government has sought recommendations from Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) regarding implementation of "Full Mobile Number Portability". TRAI has floated a pre-consultation paper on 20.02.2013 in this regard and written comments of the stakeholders have been sought by 07.03.2013 on the issues raised in the consultation paper.