

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

(a) whether the Indian telecom companies do not figure anywhere in broadband services rolled out for consumers with smart phones, laptops and tablet computers in Asia-Pacific region; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Indian telecom companies can provide broadband services in Asia Pacific region as per policy of the country and as per their commercial decision. No such record is maintained by Department of Telecommunications. However, among others, followings are joint ventures of Indian companies for providing telecom services in Asia pacific region:

i) United Telecom Limited, Nepal a joint venture company of Indian companies Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL), Tata Communications Limited, Telecommunications Consultants India Limited and a local Nepalese company,

ii) Mahanagar Telephone Mauritius Limited, Mauritius, a 100% subsidiary of MTNL

iii) Joint Ventures of Bharti AirTel in Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.