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INDIAN COMPANIES IN BROADBAND SERVICES
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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 the Asia-Pacific region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Madam, Indian Telecom Companies do figure in the broadband services rolled out for the consumers with smart phones , laptops and tablet computers in the Asia Pacific region as Indian Telecom Companies are providing Broadband services using wireless network with 3G / BWA spectrum. Customers are able to access the broadband services through various kinds of customer devices (i.e. smart phones, laptops, tablets) commercially available in the market.

As per report issued by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) in June 2013, following are the figure for internet and broadband consumers:

Total Internet Subscribers 198.39 Million

Narrowband subscribers (excluding subscribers 6.69 Million
who accessed internet through mobile devices)

Broadband subscribers (excluding subscribers 15.20 million
who accessed internet through Mobile devices)

Subscribers who accessed internet through 176.50 Million
smart phones and laptops i.e. through Mobile Devices