

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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Expansion of GSM Network by MTNL  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to expand (GSM) network in Mumbai and Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited has declined to purchase 2G and 3G network gear nearly 18 months after it had certified the Finish vendor as the lowest bidder for supplying the equipment for the said network expansion programme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for delay in this regard; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government to facilitate GSM network expansion?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a)&(b) Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) has planned to add 1080 number of 3G sites and 800 number of 2G sites in Delhi and 1080 number of 3G and 566 number of 2G sites in Mumbai in its GSM (Global System for Mobile communication) network. The data handling capacity of network will be upgraded to speed of 10 Gbps in Delhi and Mumbai.  
(c)to(e) MTNL placed an Advance Purchase Order (APO) on 04.03.2015 on M/s Nokia Solutions and Networks India Ltd. In response, the vendor has not accepted the