

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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PROVISION OF 3G SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has authorised some telecom companies for providing Third Generation (3G) and Fourth Generation (4G) services in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of the companies;
- (c) whether some telecom companies are providing the said services illegally in the country;
- (d) if so, the names of the companies and the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard;
- (e) whether any guidelines have been issued to check the data capacity allotted to telecom companies and subscriber load to ensure uninterrupted service to data service subscribers in the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) The details of telecom companies authorised to use 2100 MHz band for providing Third Generation (3G) networks are attached as Annexure-I. Information in respect of 4G services is being collected and shall be laid on the table of the House.
- (c) & (d) Hon'ble Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT) vide its judgment dated 29.04.2014 in Petition Numbers 518 to 522 of 2011 (in the matter of Vodafone Mobile Services, Bharti Airtel Ltd., Idea Cellular Ltd., Aircel Cellular Ltd., Tata Teleservices Ltd. respectively) and Petition Numbers 308, 349, 353 of 2013 (in the matter of Idea Cellular Ltd., Bharti Airtel Ltd. and Vodafone South Ltd. respectively) held that intra-circle 3G roaming arrangement does not violate any provision of the Unified Access Service License (UASL). However matter in respect of filing an appeal against the said judgment in Hon'ble Supreme Court is under examination.
- (e) & (f) Companies are free to plan data capacity and subscriber's load subject to Quality of Service (QoS) norms of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRA).