

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to issue licence for the internet telephone being provided by the service providers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether some service providers are already providing internet telephone services; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) Madam, Government is already issuing licenses from the year 2002 for providing internet telephone service. As on 29.02.2016, there are 817 Telecom Licensees which are permitted to provide internet telephone services. As per "The Indian Telecom Services Performance Indicators" report issued by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) for Quarter ending September'2015, 18 (eighteen) telecom service providers have reported providing internet telephony services. The list of these telecom service providers is enclosed as Annexure-I.

Annexure-I

List of Service Providers which have reported Internet Telephony Minutes

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Sl. No. Name of Service Provider

- 1 Alliance Broadband Services Pvt. Ltd.
- 2 Asianet Satellite Communications Ltd.
- 3 Blazenet Ltd.
- 4 City Online Services Ltd.
- 5 Citycom Networks Pvt. Ltd.
- 6 Data Infosys Ltd.
- 7 deIDSL Internet Pvt. Ltd.
- 8 Novanet Ltd.
- 9 Oistel Telecom Pvt. Ltd.
- 10 Pipetel Communications Pvt. Ltd.
- 11 Pulse Telesystems Pvt. Ltd.
- 12 Sify Technologies Ltd.
- 13 Tata Communications Ltd.
- 14 Tata Teleservices (Maharashtra) Ltd.
- 15 Trikon Electronics Pvt. Ltd.
- 16 VVA Communications Pvt. Ltd.
- 17 World Phone Internet Services Pvt. Ltd.
- 18 You Broadband India Pvt. Ltd.

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