

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2431
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH MARCH, 2022**

PRIVATE PLAYERS IN COMMUNICATION INDUSTRY

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether are facing competition by the private players in the Indian mobile communication market;
- (b) if so, the details of the challenges being faced therein; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to deal with these challenges?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)**

(a) to (c) The competition among the Mobile Service Providers is good for the health of the Telecom Sector and beneficial to the consumer. Hence, the same should not be considered as a challenge which needs Government intervention. There are three major private Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) in mobile communication sector in India. Their market shares (in terms of subscriber base) as on 31.12.2021 are given below:

Name of TSP	Subscriber base (in percentage)
Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited	36.00
Bharti Airtel Limited	30.81
Vodafone Idea Limited	22.99

Further, Union Cabinet, in its meeting held on 15.09.2021, has approved the proposal for rationalizing definition of Gross Revenue/ Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR), rationalizing of interest rates and removal of penalties, rationalizing Bank Guarantees requirements and permitting 100% FDI under automatic route in telecom sector subject to the Press Note 3 (2020 Series) guidelines regarding investments from countries sharing land-border with India. These reforms are expected to promote healthy competition, in fuse liquidity, encourage investment and reduce regulatory burden on Telecom Service Providers (TSPs).
