

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1823
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4TH MAY, 2016**

TELECOM SUBSCRIBERS

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of mobile subscribers separately of GSM and CDMA in the country, State and operator-wise;
- (b) whether Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) while taking into consideration the growing number of mobile users has formulated special plan for expansion and improvement of telecom services;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the schemes launched and funds allocated for the same, State-wise along with the investment made by the telecom service providers for expansion of telecom and internet facilities during the last three years and the current year, circle and operator-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) As regards details of mobile subscribers, Licenses are issued by DoT service-area wise and not state-wise. The service-area wise and operator-wise subscriber base of Wireless Services (GSM and CDMA) ending February 2016 is given in **Appendix-I**

(b)&(c) As regards measures taken for expansion of telecom services, TRAI has issued various recommendations which are as follows:

- (i) The TRAI has recommended roll out obligations against allotment of spectrum, from time to time.
- (ii) TRAI had submitted its recommendations on “Improving Telecom Services in the North-Eastern States: An Investment Plan” to the Government on 26th September 2013. The press release highlighting the details of these Recommendations , (Recommendations on “Improving Telecom Services in the north eastern status : An Investment Plan” dated 26th September 2013) as available on the TRAI website may kindly be referred to.

- (iii) Further, TRAI had submitted its recommendations on “Improving Telecom Services in Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep” to the Government on 22nd July 2014. The press release highlighting the details of these Recommendations,(Recommendations on “Improving Telecom Services in Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep” dated the 22nd July, 2014) as available on the TRAI website may kindly be referred to.
- (iv) TRAI has laid down Quality of Service Standards which are to be adhered to by the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs).

(d) Government has approved a project at a cost of Rs. 5336 Cr to cover 8621 uncovered villages in the country in the North Eastern States.

Telecom Commission has recommended a project to provide submarine optical fibre connectivity between Chennai, Port Blair and five other islands at a capital cost of Rs. 880Cr. These projects are to be funded from USOF.

The details of Gross Block and the Capital Work in progress of various TSPs as obtained from TRAI are placed at **Appendix-II**.

Appendix – I

Wireless Subscribers (GSM) ending February 2016														
Sr No	Service Area	Bharti	Vodafone	MTNL GSM	BSNL GSM	Idea	Tata GSM	Aircel / Dishnet	RCL GSM	RTL	Videocon	Quadrant GSM	Telenor	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	23,565,923	7,151,028		9,597,909	15,460,845	4,222,028	2,780,988	3,724,155				5,712,060	72,214,936
2	Assam	5,868,703	3,589,406		1,232,513	1,148,252		5,077,054		1,323,923				18,239,851
3	Bihar	27,823,152	9,385,723		2,951,593	11,181,318	1,236,897	6,968,769		2,693,682	20,774		8,633,814	70,895,722
4	Delhi	11,215,868	10,067,193	2,316,813		6,206,267		6,279,187	5,413,865					41,499,193
5	Gujarat	8,547,322	19,408,608		3,450,701	12,136,328	2,554,963	17,063	4,635,700		879,413		8,644,338	60,274,436
6	Haryana	2,890,693	5,433,466		3154950	4,617,519	2,363,209	3,092	1,576,490		2,236,766			22,276,185
7	Himachal Pradesh	2,722,433	707,815		1,615,479	791,062	37,353	1,088,770		1,573,249				8,536,161
8	Jammu & Kashmir	3,336,575	1,057,201		1,254,342	618,001		2,524,344	927,805					9,718,268
9	Karnataka	20,873,398	7,657,352		6,902,154	8,474,547	6,888,686	3,072,137	4,578,482					58,446,756
10	Kerala	4,252,748	7,507,592		7,317,077	10,362,356	1,454,336	258,032	1,368,758					32,520,899
11	Kolkata	4,640,914	5,360,276		769,286	2,170,173	2,456,753	4,134,247		3,568,294				23,099,943
12	Madhya Pradesh	12,359,120	6,850,557		4,163,808	21,089,876	4,324,418	20,694		10,009,509	3,557,834			62,375,816
13	Maharashtra	13,235,522	18,377,409		5,657,284	23,344,618	4,458,032	2,607,191	3,837,915				8,093,312	79,611,283
14	Mumbai	5,704,299	8,668,030	1,230,728		4,269,970	2,292,242	2,829,840	4,088,135					29,083,244
15	North East	3,876,134	1,525,366		1,348,225	501,369		3,109,130		363,365				10,723,589
16	Orissa	10,131,407	4,049,948		4,004,842	1,703,251	2,122,148	4,560,539		1,605,821				28,177,956
17	Punjab	7,998,157	5,123,789		3,476,836	6,440,321	2,174,268	1,051,297	1,433,626			3,124,867		30,823,161
18	Rajasthan	19,218,246	11,922,052		3,749,971	7,819,633	584,461	6,403,330	5,737,438					55,435,131
19	Tamilnadu including Chennai	17,174,868	15,466,507		8,692,372	5,995,868	4,761,277	21,527,561	4,857,057					78,475,510
20	Uttar Pradesh East	20,619,383	18,871,460		8,666,672	10,687,993	3,732,755	6,830,208	6,803,893		13,155		12,071,627	88,297,146
21	Uttar Pradesh West	8,159,465	11,331,528		4,099,781	14,209,495	3,026,553	648,563	4,767,318		20,043		8,522,382	54,785,128
22	West Bengal	14,475,915	17,233,977		1549045	5,398,429	417,414	4,885,742		2,624,595				46,585,117
	Total	248,690,245	196,746,283	3,547,541	83,654,840	174,627,491	49,107,793	86,677,778	53,750,637	23,762,438	6,727,985	3,124,867	51,677,533	982,095,431

Wireless Subscribers (CDMA) ending February 2016

Sr No	Service Area	MTNL CDMA	BSNL CDMA	Tata CDMA	RCL CDMA	Sistema Shyam CDMA	Quadrant CDMA	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh		27,169	833,243	1,781,837			2,642,249
2	Assam		66,118					66,118
3	Bihar		143,425	449,942	1,750,298			2,343,665
4	Delhi	22,975		2,210,894	3,061,372	934,410		6,229,651
5	Gujarat		51,985	296,596	1,099,126	206,740		1,654,447
6	Haryana		5,724	374,131	377,040			756,895
7	Himachal Pradesh		15,748	31,553	176,098			223,399
8	Jammu & Kashmir		24,888		41			24,929
9	Karnataka		61,612	378,011	1,302,268	1,184,568		2,926,459
10	Kerala		123,730	111,505	836,139	356,748		1,428,122
11	Kolkata		6,672	320,044	1,003,731	538,938		1,869,385
12	Madhya Pradesh		90,581	391,410	2,236,814			2,718,805
13	Maharashtra		62,888	2,122,542	1,747,716			3,933,146
14	Mumbai	63,839		1,039,225	1,714,536			2,817,600
15	North East		161,504					161,504
16	Orissa		38,796	126,986	204,790			370,572
17	Punjab		21,096	493,439	155,495		1,898	671,928
18	Rajasthan		70,613	913,580	948,989	2,109,340		4,042,522
19	Tamilnadu including Chennai		47,865	194,967	1,794,896	755,851		2,793,579
20	Uttar Pradesh East		22,840	382,575	2,415,126			2,820,541
21	Uttar Pradesh West		57,932	452,238	1,202,740	157,017		1,869,927
22	West Bengal		70542	47,951	583,348	1,501,153		2,202,994
	Total	86,814	1,171,728	11,170,832	24,392,400	7,744,765	1,898	44,568,437

Appendix-II

(Rs. in crore)

Name of TSP	2012-13		2013-14		2014-15	
	Gross Block	Capital Work in Progress	Gross Block	Capital Work in Progress	Gross Block	Capital Work in Progress
Aircel (ACL+DWL+AL)	29406	5124	29692	5295	34686	1030
Bharti (Airtel + Hexacom)	80783	1096	84377	2201	105507	9322
BSNL	176622	3696	167777	3878	169088	3279
Idea	41198	843	45279	11380	55843	5079
MTNL	30670	932	26709	383	27173	134
Reliance (RCL + RTL)	61520	1183	63786	1094	65510	781
Tata (TTML + TTSL)	39607	195	40204	250	40786	204
Vodafone (8 companies)	53071	2769	59373	22064	88721	1823
Others	51681	19264	45743	35684	43143	74266
Industry (Total)	564558	35104	562939	82230	630456	95918

Note: The above information is based on audited/unaudited financial information submitted by licensed telecom service providers to TRAI
