

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF MOBILE PHONE HANDSETS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the mobile phone handsets are manufactured indigenously;
- (b) if so, the details of production and imports for the last three years;
- (c) whether the indigenous production is sufficient to meet the demand; and
- (d) if not, the steps taken to increase production within the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (c) Manufacture of mobile phone handsets in India has begun recently and, therefore, production of the same is insignificant. Most of the demand of mobile phone handsets is being met through imports. Import of these handsets during last three and a half years is as under:

Period	Quantity (in million)
April, 04 - October, 04	10.23
April 03 - March 04	15.96
April 02 - March 03	4.16
April 01 - March 02	0.32

(d) The Government has taken a number of steps for encouraging indigenous manufacture of mobile phone handsets viz. exemption of customs and additional duty on import of goods (raw material, components, and capital goods) required for the manufacture, exemption of excise duty, Electronic Hardware Technology Park (EHTP) scheme modified to allow 100% sale in the Domestic Tariff Area (DTA) for the purpose of meeting export obligations, etc.