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MOBILE SERVICES IN UTTAR PRADESH
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the private cellular companies providing mobile services in Uttar Pradesh, district-wise;
- (b) the number of SIM Cards provided/issued in these districts; and
- (c) the norms for providing/issuing SIM Cards by these companies?

Answer

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

(a) The country is divided into 19 Telecom Circle Service Areas and 4 Metro City Service Areas (Total 23 Service Areas) for providing Cellular Mobile Telephone Service as well as Unified Access Services. Out of these Telecom Circle Service Areas, UP (East) Telecom Service Area covers a part of Uttar Pradesh (U.P.) State and U.P. (West) Telecom Circle Service Area covers remaining part of Uttar Pradesh (U.P.) State and also includes Uttaranchal State. The names of the private companies providing mobile service in UP(East) Telecom Circle Service Area are M/s Bharti Cellular Ltd. , M/s Aircell Digilink India Ltd., M/s Escorts Telecommunications Ltd., M/s Reliance infocomm Ltd. and M/s Tata Teleservices Ltd. And in UP (West) Telecom Circle Service Area are M/s Bharti Cellular Ltd., M/s Hutchison Essar South Ltd., M/s Idea Mobile Communication Ltd., M/s Reliance Infocomm Ltd., and M/s Tata Teleservices Ltd.

(b) As on 31.03.2005, the number of Cellular Mobile Subscribers (SIM cards) provided by these private companies in UP (East) Telecom Circle Service Area and UP (West) Telecom Circle Service Area are 10,21, 176 and 11, 69,336 respectively. District-wise details of SIM cards provided/issued are not maintained.

(c) SIM cards are to be issued by the company after verification of bonafides of the customers like photo identity, proof of address and receipt of prescribed charges.