

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TELEPHONE DIRECTORY BY PRIVATE OPERATORS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Telephone Directory of subscribers of mobile and landline telephone is not being provided by private operators;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has made any assessment of subscribers of private operators in the country with special reference to Gujarat;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to make it mandatory for all private operators to publish Telephone Directory for the benefit of public; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (f) The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has given its recommendations on 'Printing of Telephone Directory and Directory Enquiry Services' for basic and mobile telephone services. The same are being examined in the Department of Telecommunications.

The total number of subscribers of private operators in the country in respect of Landline, Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) and Cellular Mobile Telephone Service (CMTS) is 6,16,14,368 and specifically in Gujarat is 43,24,676 as on 31-10-2005.