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LICENCE FOR ILD AND NLD SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of telecom operators having licence for ILD and NLD services in India;
- (b) whether the subscribers of Access Providers Captive Long Distance Operations do not have an option of using any other long distance service provider;
- (c) if so, the details in this regard;
- (d) whether any policy directives/guidelines have been issued to enable the subscribers to choose long distance services of their choice irrespective of default option offered by the Access Providers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) The name of telecom operators are as below:

| NLD LICENCE | ILD LICENCE |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| M/s BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LTD | M/s BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LTD |
| M/s BHARTI INFOTEL LTD | M/s BHARTI INFOTEL LTD |
| M/s RELIANCE INFOCOMM LTD | M/s RELIANCE INFOCOMM LTD |
| M/s VIDESH SANCHAR NIGAM LTD | M/s VIDESH SANCHAR NIGAM LTD |
| | M/s DATA ACCESS (I) LTD. |

Licence is at present under suspension

- (b) to (d) Presently the choice of NLD or ILD operator is made by the Access Providers and Tariffs for the outgoing National and International Long Distance calls are also decided by Access Providers. System modification in the Switches of Access Providers is required to enable them to implement Carrier Selection for NLD and ILD Services in their networks. The setup cost required for the upgradation of switches needs to be contributed by NLDOs and ILDOs. Since this upgradation cost was on higher side, NLDOs/ILDOs did not come forward towards the payment of their contribution of upgradation costs when some of the Access providers demanded set up cost payments. No policy direction has been issued.
- (e) Does not arise in view of (b) to (d) above.