

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

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CELL PHONE OPERATORS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the names of the cell phone operators providing mobile phones in different parts of the country;
- (b) the licence fee paid by each operator during the last two years;
- (c) whether some companies are not paying licence fee as per their agreement; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against these companies?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The names of cell phone operators providing mobile phones are given in Annexure-I.
- (b) The details of licence fee paid by various operators during the last two financial years (i.e. 2002-2003 and 2003- 2004) are given in Annexure-II.
- (c) & (d): The details of licensees who have not paid licence fee as per licence agreement are given in Annexure- III. The Department of Telecommunications have served notices to these licensees for making payment of outstanding dues towards licence fee.

Annexure I

List of Mobile Operators (As on 31.07.2004) - Service area wise

Sl. No.	Service Area (Metro City/ Telecom Circle)	Name of Licensee
1	DELHI	Bharti Cellular Ltd. Hutchison Essar Telecom Ltd. Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. Idea Cellular Ltd. Reliance Infocomm Ltd. Tata Teleservices Ltd.
2	MUMBAI	BPL Mobile Communication Ltd. Hutchison Max Telecom Pvt. Ltd. Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. Bharti Cellular Ltd. Reliance Infocomm Ltd. Tata Teleservices Ltd.
3	KOLKATA	Bharti Cellular Ltd. Hutchinson Telecom East Ltd. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Reliable Internet Services Ltd. Reliance Infocomm Ltd. Tata Teleservices Ltd.
4	CHENNAI	RPG Cellular Services Ltd. Bharti Cellular Ltd. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Hutchison Essar South Ltd. Reliance Infocomm Ltd. Tata Teleservices Ltd.
5	Andhra Pradesh	Idea Cellular Ltd. Bharti Mobile Ltd. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Hutchison Essar South Ltd. Reliance Infocomm Ltd. Tata Teleservices Ltd.
6	Assam	Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd.

		Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Dishnet DSL Ltd.
7	Bihar	Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Reliance Infocomm Ltd. Tata Teleservices Ltd. Dishnet DSL Ltd.
8	Gujarat	Bharti Cellular Ltd. Fascel Ltd. Idea Cellular Ltd. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Bharti Cellular Ltd. Reliance Infocomm Ltd. Tata Teleservices Ltd.
9	Haryana	Escotel Mobile Communications Ltd. Aircel Digilink India Ltd. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Bharti Cellular Ltd. Reliance Infocomm Ltd. Tata Teleservices Ltd.
10	Himachal Pradesh	Bharti Cellular Ltd. Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Escorts Telecommunications Ltd. Reliance Infocomm Ltd. Tata Teleservices Ltd. Dishnet DSL Ltd.
11	J & K	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Bharti Cellular Ltd. Dishnet DSL Ltd.
12	Karnataka	Spice Communications Ltd. Bharti Mobile Ltd. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Hutchison Essar South Ltd. Reliance Infocomm Ltd. Tata Teleservices Ltd.
13	Kerala	BPL Mobile Cellular Ltd. Escotel Mobile Communications Ltd. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Bharti Cellular Ltd. Reliance Infocomm Ltd. Tata Teleservices Ltd.
14	Maharashtra	BPL Mobile Cellular Ltd. Idea Cellular Ltd. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Bharti Cellular Ltd. Reliance Infocomm Ltd. Tata Teleservices (Maharashtra) Ltd.
15	Madhya Pradesh	BTA Cellcom Ltd. Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Bharti Cellular Ltd. Reliance Infocomm Ltd. Tata Teleservices Ltd. Bharti Infotel Ltd.
16	North East	Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd. Hexacom India Ltd. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Dishnet DSL Ltd.
17	Orissa	Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Reliance Infocomm Ltd. Tata Teleservices Ltd. Bharti Cellular Ltd. Dishnet DSL Ltd.
18	Punjab	Spice Communications Ltd. Bharti Mobile Ltd. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Hutchison Essar South Ltd. Reliance Infocomm Ltd. Tata Teleservices Ltd. HFCL Infotel Ltd.
19	Rajasthan	Aircel Digilink India Ltd. Hexacom India Ltd. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Escorts Telecommunications Ltd. Reliance Infocomm Ltd. Tata Teleservices Ltd. Shyam Telelink Ltd.
20	Tamilnadu	BPL Mobile Cellular Ltd. Aircel Ltd. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Bharti Cellular Ltd. Reliance Infocomm Ltd.

21 UP(W)	Tata Teleservices Ltd. Escotel Mobile Communications Ltd. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Bharti Cellular Ltd. Reliance Infocomm Ltd. Tata Teleservices Ltd.
22 UP(E)	Hutchison Essar South Ltd. Aircel Digilink India Ltd. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Escorts Telecommunications Ltd. Reliance Infocomm Ltd. Tata Teleservices Ltd.
23 A&N & West Bengal	Bharti Cellular Ltd. Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Reliance Infocomm Ltd. Tata Teleservices Ltd. Dishnet DSL Ltd. Hutchison Essar South Ltd. Bharti Cellular Ltd.

Annexure II

Licence Fee paid by various operators during FYs 2002-03 & 2003-04

Amount in Rs. (Crores)

S.No Paid	Name of the Operator Paid	Amount during the FY 2002-03	Amount during the FY 2003-04
1	Aircel Digilink India Ltd.	11.75	13.31
2	Aircel Ltd.	23.39	25.14
3	Bharti Cellular Ltd.	135.20	197.24
4	Bharti Mobiles Ltd.	65.43	100.18
5	BTA Cellcom Ltd.	7.66	10.69
6	BPL Mobile Cellular Ltd	50.34	34.16
7	BPL Moblie Comm. Ltd	34.81	39.82
8	Escorts Telecom Ltd	0.03	0.00
9	Escotel Mob Comm Ltd	41.94	32.15
10	Fascel Limited	33.47	54.41
11	Hexacom Ltd	8.29	11.81
12	Hutch Essar South Ltd	6.63	26.67
13	Hutch East Kolkatta	16.98	28.64
14	Hutch Essar Tele Ltd	30.15	68.65
15	Hutch Max Tele Ltd	56.02	91.47
16	Idea Cellular Ltd	107.49	113.91
17	Reliance Telecom Ltd	36.94	27.95
18	RPG Cell Ltd(Aircel )	17.24	17.03
19	Spice Comm Ltd	64.76	28.36
20	Tata Teleservices Ltd	31.54	69.34
21	Tata Teleservices	76.36	48.46
22	(Maharashtra) Ltd Bharti Telenet (Now Bharti Infotel)	78.86	130.51
23	HFCL Infotel	12.19	12.56
24	Shyam Telelink Ltd	6.41	6.39
25	Reliance Infocomm Ltd	0.02	178.71
26	MTNL	483.35	655.17
27	BSNL	3,244.86	3,093.58

Note :

1. The above include amounts adjusted on account of implementation of the judgement of Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No.5050 of 2002 and other TDSAT judgements.
2. The operators from Sl no. 1 to 19 are CMTS operators (many of whom have now migrated to UASL).
3. The operators from Sl.no.20 to 25 are basic operators who have migrated to UASL.
4. The license fee paid by M/s Bharti Infotel, Reliance Infocomm, BSNL and MTNL includes license fee in r/o other services like NLD, ILD, VSAT etc. as such licences are also held by these operators.

Details of Licencees who have not paid the Licence Fee as per their Licence agreement

(Amount in Rs.Crores)

S.N.	Name of the Licencee	Amount Due	Remarks
1	Spice Communications Ltd. Karnataka and Punjab Service Areas. The Licencee has been served a notice for payment.	11.43	The amount pertains to
2	Aircel Ltd account finalisation intimated to licencees in May/June, 2004. Notices served.	0.28	These amounts pertain to
3	Bharti Cellular Ltd	7.43	
4	Bharti Mobile Ltd	3.19	
5	Escotel Mob Comm Ltd	2.86	
6	Hexacom Ltd	4.25	
8	Idea Cellular Ltd.	3.02	
9	Reliance Telecom Ltd.	0.33	
10	Bharti Telenet (now Bharti Infotel)	0.37	
11	HFCL Infotel	0.18	
12	MTNL	293.87	
13	BSNL	557.38	Under correspondence

Note :-

1. Operators from Sl 1 to 9 are CMTS operators (many of whom have migrated to UASL).
2. In respect of MTNL, the dues include dues from Basic service operations also.
3. In respect of BSNL, the dues include those from Basic services, NLD, VSAT etc.
4. In respect of Bharti Telenet Ltd, the dues include those from ILL, NLD and VSAT.