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INTERNET SERVICES BY MOBILE OPERATORS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allowed mobile phone operators to provide internet services including internet-protocol (IP) based virtual Private Network (IP-VPN) without any additional fee; and

(b) if so, the details of the operators and the fee to be charged from them?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Basic Service, Unified Access Service and Cellular Mobile Telephone Service Licensees have been allowed to provide internet services including internet-protocol (IP) based Virtual Private Network (IP-VPN) under their respective licences. The details are given in the Annexure. While the revenue earned from provisioning of such services is included for the computation of Adjusted Gross Revenue for purpose of licence fee, no additional entry fee is payable.

ANNEXURE

1. M/S BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED
2. M/S MAHANAGAR TELEPHONE NIGAM LIMITED
3. M/S RELIANCE INFOCOMM LIMITED
4. M/S TATA TELESERVICES LIMITED
5. M/S TATA TELESERVICES (MAHARASHTRA) LIMITED.
6. M/S BHARTI TELE-VENTURE LIMITED
- 7 M/S HUTCHINSON ESSAR MOBILE SERVICES LIMITED
8. M/S IDEA CELLULAR LIMITED
9. M/S BPL MOBILE COMMUNICATION LIMITED
10. M/S HUTCHINSON MAX TELECOM LIMITED
11. M/S AIRCEL CELLULAR LIMITED
12. M/S HUTCHINSON ESSAR SOUTH LIMITED
13. M/S RELIABLE INTERNET SERVICES LIMITED
14. M/S FASCEL LIMITED
15. M/S SPICE COMMUNICATIONS LIMITED
16. M/S BPL MOBILE CELLULAR LIMITED
17. M/S AIRCEL LIMITED
18. M/S IDEA MOBILE COMMUNICATION LIMITED
19. M/S AIRCEL DIGILINK INDIA LIMITED
20. M/S BTA CELLCOM LIMITED
21. M/S HFCL INFOTEL LIMITED
22. M/S SHYAM TELELINK LIMITED
23. M/S BHARTI HEXACOM LIMITED
24. M/S ESCORTS TELECOMMUNICATIONS LIMITED
25. M/S DISHNET DSL LIMITED
26. M/S RELIANCE TELECOM LIMITED