

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

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SHARE OF GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE TELECOM COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the shares of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), Reliance, Bharti, Tata Tele Service, Hutch, Idea etc. in the entire telecom service network in the country separately in the terms of percentage;
- (b) the growth rates of Private Sector and Public Sector Companies in the Service Sector of the country;
- (c) whether the BSNL had floated the tenders for laying 45 million lines in 2006 to increase its share;
- (d) if so, the Companies which had applied for tenders;
- (e) whether orders for undertaking jobs as per the tenders have been issued;
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (g) whether the expected expansion of the telecom service has not come to a halt due to non-commencement of work so far thereby causing losses directly to the BSNL; and
- (h) the steps being taken by the Government to make the above good at the earliest?

Answer

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

(a) Sir, the market share of BSNL, Reliance, Bharti, Tata Teleservices, Hutch, Idea etc. in the telephone network of the country as on 31.07.2007 is given below:-

Sl. No. Name of companies % age market share

1	BSNL	28.06
2	Bharti Airtel	20.09
3	Reliance Tele	14.43
4	Vodafone Essar	13.94
5	Tata Indicom	8.03
6	Idea	7.31
7	Aircel	2.16
8	MTNL	2.81
9	Spice Telecom	1.41
10	Dishnet	0.92
11	APL	0.47
12	Reliable	0.14
13	HFCL Infotel	0.14
14	Shyam Telecom	0.11
	TOTAL	100

(b) The growth rate of telephone in respect of private sector & public sector for the last three years is given below:-

Sl. No. Date Total number of telephones % age growth rate
(in lakh lines)
Private Sector Public Sector Private Sector Public Sector

1	31.03.2004	300.57	464.82		
2	31.03.2005	463.35	520.87	54.16	12.06
3	31.03.2006	764.36	610.83	64.96	17.27

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The following five vendors had submitted their bids against the tender.

M/s Ericsson India Pvt. Ltd.
M/s Motorola India Pvt. Ltd.
M/s Nokia India Pvt. Ltd.
M/s Siemens Public Communication Network Pvt. Ltd.
M/s ZTE India Pvt. Ltd.

(e) Yes, Sir. Advance Purchase Order (APO) have been placed on L1 bidder which is yet to be accepted by the successful bidder. The equipment is expected to be progressively available in about six months time from the date of acceptance of Advance Purchase Order (APO).

(f) Does not arise in view of (e) above.

(g) There was delay in the finalization of GSM tender due to one of the bidder approaching the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi. The vendor has withdrawn the case and the tender has been finalized. However, there has been a capacity constraint in the mobile network, which is affecting the growth rate of BSNL mobile subscribers.

(h) Purchase Orders have been issued on the existing vendors for supply of approximately 4.5 million GSM lines. This GSM capacity is expected to be available progressively during the next two quarters of the current year.