

Charging fee for service providers

758. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the TRAI has suggested the imposition of a fee on service providers for allocation of mobile numbers to them;
- (b) whether the mobile numbers were allotted to service providers without any charges;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether charging reasonable fee would encourage the service providers for more efficient utilization of mobile numbers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) TRAI has released a consultation paper on "Efficient Utilization of Numbering Resources" on 20.01.2010. In the consultation paper TRAI has thrown open various issues involved in the matter *inter alia* including the issue of pricing of numbering resources for the comments from the stakeholders.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The Department of Telecommunications is not charging any fee from the service providers for the allotment of mobile numbers.

(d) The recommendations of TRAI are awaited in this regard.

National Electronic Mission

759. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to set up a National Electronic Mission which will help in synchronized functioning of the IT industry by acting as a nodal agency for electronic industry with Department of IT on the recommendation of the IT task force;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the other recommendations of the task force;
- (d) whether the task force not only submit the report in time but also gave short-term, medium and long-term road map for IT industry; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT): (a) and (b) The Department of Information Technology (DIT) had set up a Task Force to suggest measures to stimulate the growth of IT, ITES and Electronics Hardware Manufacturing Industry in the country, in August 2009. The terms of reference