

Statement-II*Market share of various groups*

Operators	Market Share 2004	Market Share 2005	Market Share 2006
BSNL	54%	47.00%	38.82%
MTNL	6%	5.24%	4.17%
Reliance Group	10%	11.00%	14.39%
Bharti Group/Hexacom	9%	11.25%	15.72%
Hutchison Group	6%	12.00%	13.74%
IDEA	5%	5.00%	5.18%
Tata Teleservices Ltd.	2%	3.73%	6.25%
Spice	2%	1.45%	1.36%
HFCL Infotel Ltd.	0.16%	0.25%	0.22%
Shyam telelink Ltd.	0.20%	0.19%	0.14%
BPL Group	3%	2.00%	2.00%
Aircel Group	2%	3.00%	3.00%

Note: The above share is based on the number of subscribers reported by the private and public sector Licensees.

STD/ISD/PCO booths in Sikkim

1045. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of STD/ISD/PCOs etc. running in the various districts of North-Eastern Region at present, district-wise/State-wise;

(b) the number of such booths proposed to be set up in the NER particularly in the State of Sikkim during the current year, district-wise;

(c) the details of amount spent during the last three years on the installation of booths in the state; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Sir, as on 30-06-2006 a total of 36,420 STD/ISD/PCOs and 8,955 local PCOs provided by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), are running in various districts of North Eastern Region. Besides these 1,750 STD/ISD/PCOs

have been provided by private operators. The State-wise and Telecom district-wise details are given in the Statement-enclosed. (See below)

(b) PCOs are allotted liberally by BSNL to all the applicants who are of the age of 18 years and above, subject to technical feasibility. PCOs are on demand in most of the areas. The numbers of booths to be installed during the current year depends on the availability of applicants.

(c) and (d) STD/ISD/PCO franchisee of BSNL is responsible for the hiring/furnishing for premises, construction of booth, procurement of telephone instrument. PCO monitor etc. Only telephone line is provided by BSNL. No separate fund is earmarked for PCO lines, as these are part of the project for direct exchange lines

Statement

Number of PCOs Working in North East Region as on 30.06.2006

Sl. No	Name of State	Name of Telecom District	Number of working PCOs			Total
			Local PCOs	STD/ISD PCOs including GSM PCOs	PCOs provided by private operators	
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	Arunachal Pradesh	37	1794	00	1831
2.	Manipur	Manipur	895	2008	00	2903
3.	Nagaland	Nagaland	924	1423	00	2347
4.	Sikkim	Gangtok(E)	76	572	450	1386
		Gangtok(W)	32	39	(Sikkim)	(Sikkim)
		Gangtok(N)	12	41		
		Gangtok(S)	49	115		
5	Assam	Bongaigaon	364	3370	1300	32588
	Dibrugarh	326	2201	(Assam)	(Assam)	
	Jorhat	72	1765			
	Kamrup	4886	8533			
	Nagaon	538'	2033			
	Silchar	149	3460			
	Tezpur	204	3387			
6	Meghalaya	Meghalaya	319	2112	00	2431
7	Mizoram	Mizoram	00	667	00	667
8	Tripura	Tripura	72	2900	00	2972
TOTAL:			8955	36420	1750	47125