

**Introduction of differential security**

279. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:

SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently turned down a proposal of Telecom Department to introduce differential security related treatment of Telecom Service Provider based on levels of Foreign Direct Ownership in individual companies;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action Government propose to take in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

**Cheap and quality service to the subscribers**

280. SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the Cellular and WLL service providers in the country;

(b) whether the WLL telephone service is not working properly in several parts of the country;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to ensure cheap and quality service to the subscribers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Cellular and WLL services are provided by Access Service Providers in the country. The list of Access Service Providers is given in the enclosed Statement (See below).

(b) -and (c) No, Sir. The WLL services are working satisfactorily in most part of the country. However, in certain areas WLL telephone services *are* of lower quality due to reasons like unreliable electric power supply.

(d) The Government has adopted the policy of encouraging competition and technology neutrality to ensure competitive rates and quality services to the subscribers.

***Statement***

*List of access service providers*

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 Hutchison Essar Mobile Services Limited.
8. M/s Idea Cellular Limited.
9. M/s BPL Mobile Communication Limited.
10. M/s Hutchison Max Telecom Limited.
11. M/s Aircel Cellular Limited.
12. M/s Hutchison 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 BTACellcom 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.