Delay in mobile number portability

335. SHRI JAIPRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a)   whether Mobile Number Portability (MNP) is likely to be delayed by telecom operators;

(b)   if so, the reasons and details in this regard; and

(c)   whether any new deadline has been fixed by Government to roll-out MNP and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT): (a) to (c) Sir, the whole network (all Access Service Providers in all service areas and International Long Distance Operators (ELDOs) in the country have to be ready and tested before the mobile Number Portability (MNP) Service is implemented. Keeping the complexity and enormity of the testing involved before MNP is implemented and keeping in view the status of implementation by various operators, in June 2010, Government set the time line for implementation of MNP to 31st October 2010. The status has been reviewed. The networks are now technically ready for launch of MNP. To facilitate an orderly and reliable introduction of MNP services, a suitable migration plan has been evolved in consultation with Mobile Service Providers. It has been decided that the countrywide launch of MNP services will start from Haryana Licensed Service Area on 25th November 2010. MNP Service in rest of the service areas across the country will be implemented subsequent to the launch in Haryana.

Enquiries into 2G spectrum

336. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a)   the status and finding of various enquires into 2G spectrum allocation of 2008;

(b)   the details thereof; and

(c)   the action Government is contemplating in this regard?