## Similar IMEIs for many cell phones

4086. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some cases have been reported where similar IMEIs has been used in many cell phones;
- (b) if so, the details of such cases after the issuance of directions in 2009, year-wise;
- (c) whether there is any technology to differentiate different hand-sets with same IMEI number;
  - (d) if so, the details thereof;
  - (e) whether any country has such a technology; and
- (f) if so, what efforts Government is making to acquire the same so as to contain same IMEIs for different hand-sets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA): (a) and (b) Sir, some cases have been reported where similar IMEIs have been used in many cell phones. The detail of such cases after issuance of directions in 2009 is given below:—

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
0	145	640	587	1808

- (c) At present, technology to provide online authentication to differentiate different hand-sets with same IMEI number is not available.
  - (d) to (f) Do not arise in view of (c) above.