

Annual turnover of telecom sector

‡1608. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that telecom sector has witnessed extensive expansion in the country in the last few years;

(b) if so, the average annual turnover of this sector from 2004-05 to 2012-13;

(c) whether it is also a fact that telecom sector in the country has no option but to rely on imported equipments to meet its requirements; and

(d) if so, the percentage of requirement of telecom sector in the country met through imported sources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA): (a) The number of telecom subscribers (Wireless + Wire line) has risen in past years and the detail of total subscribers during the last five years and current year are as under:

Year	Number of telephone connections (in millions)
As on 31.03.2009	430
As on 31.03.2010	621
As on 31.03.2011	846
As on 31.03.2012	951
As on 31.03.2013	898
As on 30.06.2013	903

(b) The annual revenue of telecom service providers from licensed telecom services for the financial years 2005-06 to 2011-12 currently available are as under:

‡ Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Year	Annual Revenue (in Rs. crore)
2005-2006	87,794
2006-2007	107,383
2007-2008	132,785
2008-2009	151,693
2009-2010	150,660
2010-2011	166,752
2011-2012	179,914

(c) and (d) While the country has progressively built up its manufacturing capacity for a range of telecom products, wireless equipment with significant domestic value addition is not being manufactured.

Since the total requirement of telecom sector pertains largely to the requirements of the private sector service providers, the information is not maintained. However, the details of import of telecom equipment, mobile phone and their parts for past 3 years are given in the Statement.

Statement

Details of Import of Telecom Equipment during last 3 years

(Value in Rs. lacs)					
Sl.No.	HS Code	Commodity	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
1.	851711	Line telephone set with cordless hand sets.	20,165	24,927	25,872
2.	851712	Telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless networks.	24,90,190	27,71,583	25,83,515

Sl.No.	HS Code	Commodity	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
3.	851718	Other	22,675	25,213	31,132
4.	851761	Base stations	1,78,562	77,234	20,284
5.	851762	Machines for the reception, conversion and transmission or regeneration of voice, images or other data, including switching	6,40,676	5,82,378	6,37,669
6.	851769	Other	3,31,420	4,40,108	4,94,223
7.	851770	Parts	14,10,842	12,86,940	15,81,966
8.	852560	Transmission apparatus incorporating reception apparatus	51,532	35,740	22,440
TOTAL			51,46,061	52,44,123	53,97,101

Source: DGFT

Optic fibre cable network

1609. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been significant delay in rollout of highly secure 'Optic Fibre Cable' (OFC) network for defence communications;

(b) if so, details thereof, reasons therefor and whether procedural delays and a flawed tendering process have pushed back this project;

(c) the details on when the project was approved by Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure including agreement made between the Ministry of Defence and Department of Telecommunications;