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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

- (c) The estimated loss is approximately Rs. 13 lakhs.
- (d) No, Sir. The culprits have not been identified and arrested so far.

**Mobile phone subscriber**

1171. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the number of mobile phones subscribers as on September, 2001 and what are their number in the five Metro cities Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Kolkata and Chennai;
- (b) what is the number of cellular operators and their names in the above five cities; and
- (c) what is the growth rate of subscriber base in the first six months of the current financial years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Sir, as per the information furnished by Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) on behalf of Cellular Operators, number of Cellular Mobile Phone Subscribers are as under:—

- (i) Total number of Mobile Phone Subscribers in the country as on 30th September, 2001 is 48,07,700.
- (ii) Licences for Cellular Mobile Telephone Service are given for Metro Service Areas and Telecom Circle Service Areas. The Cellular Subscribers belong to a complete Service Area and not to a particular city in that Service Area. Bangalore city forms part of Karnataka Telecom Circle Service Area, therefore, the number of subscribers in Karnataka Telecom Circle is given. The subscriber base for Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata

Metro Service Areas and Karnataka Telecom Circle (which includes Bangalore) Service Area are as given below:

SI. No.	Service Area	No. of subscribers as on 30.09.2001
1.	Delhi	7,62,216
2.	Mumbai	7,10,418
3.	Chennai	1,98,905
4.	Kolkata	2,04,242
5.	Karnataka Telecom Circle (including Bangalore)	2,95,263

(b) Names of the Cellular Operators are given in the Statement (*See below*)

(c) Growth rate of total subscriber base in the first six months of this financial year are as follows:—

SI. No.	Month/Year	Total Number of subscribers at the end of the month	Increase from the previous month
1.	April, 2001	36,84,413	1,07,318
2.	May, 2001	38,71,514	1,87,101
3.	June, 2001	40,77,962	2,06,448
4.	July, 2001	42,88,987	2,11,025
5.	August, 2001	45,42,187	2,53,200
6.	September, 2001	48,07,700	2,65,513

**Statement***Names of Cellular Operators in Metro Cities*

Sl. No	Name of service area (Metro/City/Telecom Circle)	No. of operators	Name of Operator
1.	Delhi	4	Bharti Cellular Limited. Sterling Cellular Limited. Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited. Birla AT&T Communications Limited.
2.	Mumbai	4	BPL Mobile Communication Limited. Hutchison Max Telecom Limited. Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited. Bharti Cellular Limited.
3.	Kolkata	4	Bharti Mobitel Limited (earlier name M/s Spice Cell Limited). Usha Martin Telekom Limited. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited. Reliable Internet Services Limited.
4.	Chennai	4	RPG Cellular Services Limited. Bharti Mobinet Limited (earlier name M/s Skycell Communications (P) Limited). Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited. Barakhamba Sales and Services Limited.
5.	Karnataka (including Bangalore)	4	Bharti Mobile Limited. Spice Communications Limited. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited. Barakhamba Sales and Services Limited.