

Department of Telecommunications

Press Release

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DOT decides to launch Mobile Number Portability in Metros in the initial phase.

Keeping in view the interest of consumers, the Department has decided to introduce mobile number portability in the four metro cities i.e. Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkatta and Chennai in the initial phase. This will provide the customer the facility to retain the same number while switching over from one operator to another within the same service area.

- This facility is likely to be available to the mobile subscribers by the fourth quarter of 2008.
- All UASLs/CMSPs will implement the Mobile Number Portability.
- Mobile operators, through neutral third party, shall establish logically centralized database. The cost of the data base shall be borne proportionately by each operator.
- Mobile operators shall adopt Central Clearing House, preferably electronic processing approach, for processing porting requests. Cost of such Clearing House shall be borne by all operators. The neutral third party will administer such Clearing House.
- Customer shall approach the recipient operator for porting his number.

- The method of tariff transparency will be decided by TRAI after due consultations and also considering the cost aspects of different solutions.
- TRAI will issue various relevant regulations in this regard.
- The upgradation of their network shall be borne by the operators. Common setup costs such as Number Portability Administration Centre(NPAC), Clearing House etc, shall be borne by the operators based on the subscriber market share.
- Introduction of MNP in A circle will be reviewed in April 2008.
