

**800-50/2009-VAS
Department of Telecommunications**

Press Release

Date: 3rd September 2009

Extension in date for implementation of Mobile Number Portability

The implementation of Mobile Number Portability (MNP) service for mobile subscribers among various Mobile Service Providers in the same Service Area is under progress. However, this requires customization and upgradation of the existing networks to be capable of providing MNP service. Certain technical and commercial issues related to MNP Service are also being resolved. All this requires considerable time and effort. Therefore, it has been decided by, the Department to extend the date of implementation of Mobile Number Portability in Metro and Category 'A' Service Areas to 31st December 2009 in the first phase. Accordingly, the MNP service is likely to be available by end 2009 to begin with in Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Tamilnadu including Chennai and Karnataka Service Areas.