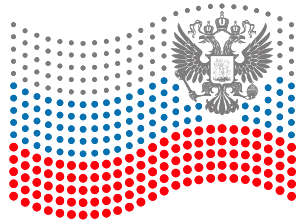


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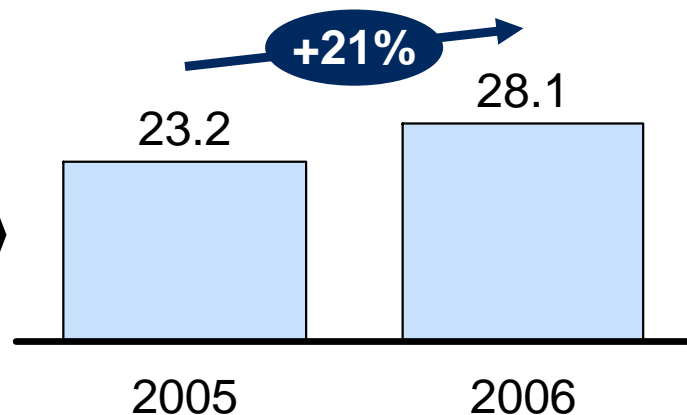
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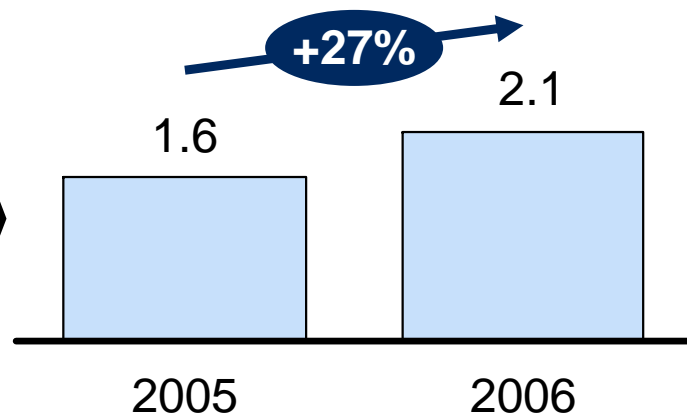
STEADY GROWTH IN ALL SEGMENTS OF THE MARKET

Billion, USD

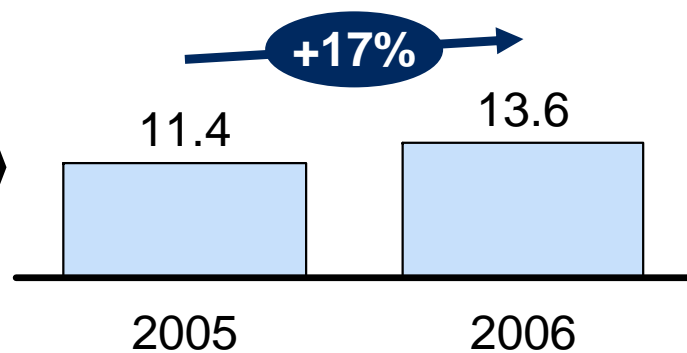
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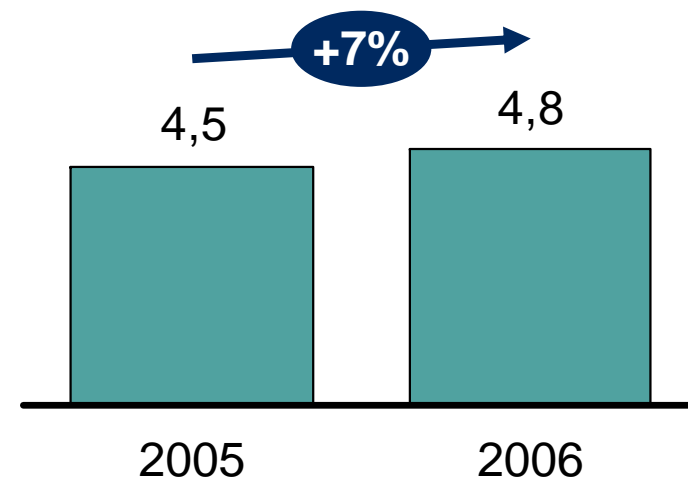
Postal service



Information technologies



ICT sector share
in the GDP, %



GROWING ACCESSABILITY OF ADVANCED COMMUNICATION FOR PUBLIC SERVICES

State policy

Elimination of structural disproportions

- Introduction of the universal service mechanism

Budget investments in the infrastructure

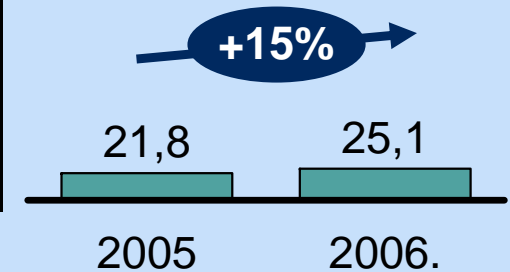
- Implementation of large scale state programs

Development of competition

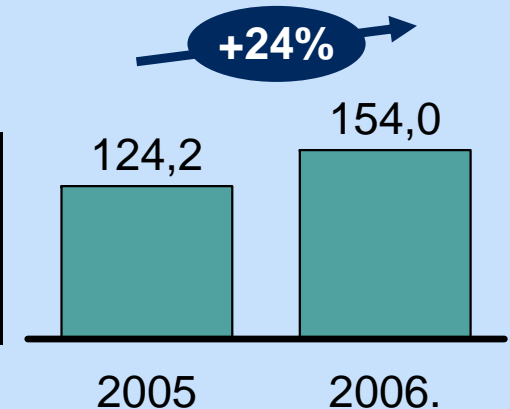
- Elimination of administrative barriers

Growth of the number of users

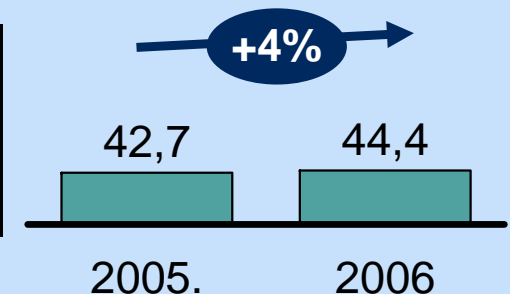
The Internet, Subscribers, million



Mobile\communications, Activated SIM cards, million



Fixed communication, Telephone numbers, million



INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Implemented in 2006

Plans for the future

Budgeted organizations connected to the Internet

- 22 thousand schools connected to the Internet with broadband access and the rate 128Kbps minimum



- Connection of 32 thousand schools and 17 thousand medical institutions
- Construction of a telemedicine network

Development of TV & radio broadcasting

- Draft Federal Purpose-Oriented Program “Development of TV & Radio Broadcasting”
- Pilot project: construction of a digital TV & radio broadcasting network in the Republic of Mordovia



- Development of national standards in the field of digital telecasting
- Pilot projects: digital terrestrial TV broadcasting in regions

Development of the state communication and broadcasting satellite constellation

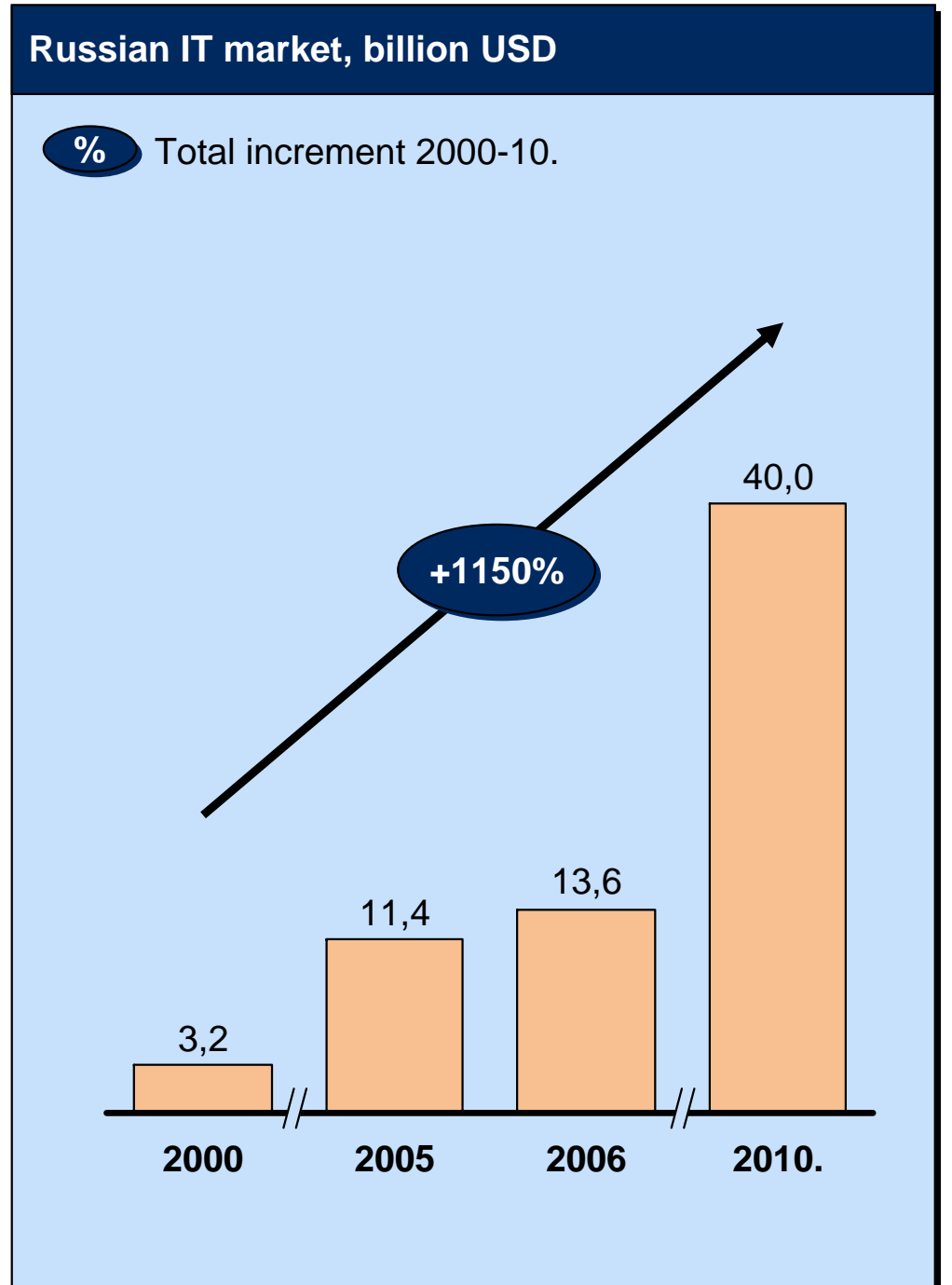
- Schemes of satellite channels reservation of federal programs extension to all five broadcasting zones
- Draft task program “Renewal and development of civilian state communication and broadcasting satellite constellation for years 2007-2009»



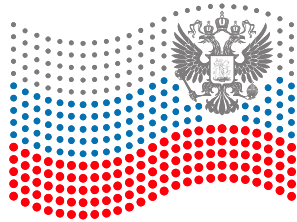
- Constructing and launching of eight new satellites tailored for digital telecasting, telephony, broadband access to the Internet, network development based on VSAT technology, rendering multimedia services development.

SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL IT SECTOR

Directions	
Provisions	Current status
Establishment of high-tech technology parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The state program approved by a Directive of the RF Government Construction of 8 pilot technology parks started
Tax reliefs for IT companies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amendments to the Tax Code envisaging VAT and Uniform Social Tax reliefs for export-oriented companies adopted
ICT Investment Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Resolution of the RF Government to set up the Investment Fund adopted
Support of exports in the IT sphere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft regulations and other documents for the establishment of the Federal Agency for IT Exports Support



Thank you for attention!



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