Google says no to voice facility launch in India: (Business Standard)

A couple of months after internet search engine Google launched Google Voice-its service allowing internet to mobile phone calls, the company said the service could not be launched in India due to legal constraints. "While India is a key market for us, product-wise, and despite the fact that Google Voice is slated to be an important part of our portfolio, we will not launch it here, because of restrictions laid by law," said Vinay Goel, Head of Products, Google India. According to Clause 1(14) of the revised license scheme of internet telephony services launched by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), voice over internet calls are allowed in three situations: First, if the calls emanate from a personal computer (PC) in India to a PC outside the country; second, where a PC in India is used to call a telephone outside India and third, from an IP-based H.323/SIP terminal in India to similar terminals in India and abroad. This means that while users would be allowed to call telephones outside the country, calling telephone users within India is a problem.

Huawei to invest $2bn in India: (Calcutta Telegraph)

Chinese telecom gear maker Huawei plans to invest more than $2 billion in India over the next five years in research and manufacturing. The $22-billion Chinese vendor is also set to open an R&D centre in Bangalore next year. Industry experts said the announcement, made ahead of Chinese premier Wen Jiabao's visit, was setting the tone of collaboration and co-operation between the two countries. Earlier, Chinese telecom equipment were banned in India as security agencies had raised concerns about spyware embedded in the telecom gear, which could allow other countries to control networks from remote locations. The issue was resolved as Chinese telecom firms Huawei and ZTE agreed to share their hardware and software codes with the security agencies.