

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

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SLASHING OF LONG DISTANCE TELECOM TARIFF BY TRAI
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Department of Telecommunications has lost nearly Rs.2500 crore due to Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) order regarding slashing of long distance telecom tariff;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and (
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to make good the loss ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a), (b) & (c) : Available data indicate that reduction in the revenue of the Department of Telecom Services (including MTNL), due to tariff re-balancing, in financial year 1999-2000, is likely to be approximately Rs.2,000 crores. Consequential reduction in Internal Resources for the developmental plan will be made good by increasing the borrowing component.