

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4307  
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PAYMENT OF TELEPHONE BILLS BY CREDIT CARDS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government propose to extend facility of paying telephone bills through credit cards in certain Banks; and
- (b) if so, the names of the Banks authorised to accept telephone bills through credit cards?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

- (a) DOT has authorized Telecom Circles to negotiate with major banks, with a sound financial standing, to undertake payment of the telephone bills of their credit card holders.
- (b) So far, the following banks have been authorized by the Circles to make payment on behalf of their credit card holders :-  
Citibank at Bangalore, Calcutta, Chennai and Mumbai; Standard Chartered Bank at Bangalore and Calcutta; Canara Bank & Times Bank at Mumbai.