

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ACCESS DEFICIENCY CHARGES

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the TRAI has issued a consultative paper for doing away with the Access Deficiency Charges (ADC) by other universal service providers for the losses incurred by BSNL for providing land line services in Rural areas;
- (b) if so, the losses to be suffered by BSNL;
- (c) the measures contemplated to compensate BSNL; and
- (d) the extent to which consumers are likely to be benefited by such ADC?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

- (a) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has issued a Consultation Paper for review of Access Deficit Charge (ADC).
- (b) BSNL has intimated that it apprehends a fall in revenue to the tune of Rs. 3000 crores to Rs. 3500 crores based on the proposals contained in the Consultation Paper. However, TRAI has not taken any decision so far on the proposals contained in the Consultation Paper.
- (c) & (d) Do not arise in view of (b) above.