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UNIFORM BANDWIDTH PRICES FOR INTERNATIONAL CALLS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to make uniform bandwidth prices for international calls;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has discussed the matter with the International Long Distance Operators;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the reaction of such operators in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has prescribed ceiling for tariff for International Bandwidth provided through submarine cables. Such tariffs are prescribed from landing stations.
- (c) to (e) The matter was discussed with International Long Distance Operators to examine whether same tariff can be offered in rest of the country or another station. The International Long Distance Operators had expressed their inability to do so.