GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMUNICATIONS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3337 ANSWERED ON:11.12.2000 . DIRECT INWARD DIALING SERVICE . GANGASANDRA SIDDAPPA BASAVARAJ;GOWDAR MALLIKARJUNAPPA;Y.S. VIVEKANANDA REDDY

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has reduced the telephone rental and the call charges for the end users of direct inward dialing (DID) services;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be made effective; and

(c) the other facilities proposed to be provided by the TRAI in future?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has notified a reduction in the monthlyrental from Rs.125 per month to Rs. 100 per month for end-users of direct inward dialing services. The call charges have been reduced from Rs. 1.20 to Rs. 0.90 up to 500 metered call units per month and Rs. 1.10 for calls above 500 metered call units per month. These charges have been made effective from 1st December, 2000.

(c) For the present there is no change in other terms and conditions or tariff.