

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:840  
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FIXED TELECOM SERVICE  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) is considering any proposal to allow cellular telephone operators to provide fixed telecom services;
- (b) if so, the details including the terms and conditions thereof;
- (c) whether an open House Meeting was organized recently in this regard;
- (d) if so, the matter discussed therein; and
- (e) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) recommended that Cellular Mobile Service Operators can provide fixed phones based on their GSM (Global System for Mobile Communications) network infrastructure.
- (c) & (d): Yes, Sir. The issues, related to usage of hand held sets in Wireless Local Loop (WLL) by the subscribers of Basic Service Operators and steps for ensuring level playing field for Cellular Mobile Service Operators, were discussed.
- (e) Government has accepted the recommendations of TRAI.