

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

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FACILITIES TO SENIOR CITIZENS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government to give some concessions in telephone calls as well as telephone bills in favour of old age persons particularly senior citizens:
- (b) if so, whether the Government are aware that a retired Government servant requires some sympathetic consideration from the Government in this age: and
- (c) if so, the reaction of the government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

- (a) No, sir. However, senior citizens are entitled for priority telephone connections under Non-OYT Special Category.
- (b&c) Retired Government Servants, presumably being low callers are also covered under the alternative tariff package applicable to low calling subscribers.