

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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BIDDING IN STD

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Department of Telecommunications has recommended a bidding process on entry fee for selecting private companies to be allowed in the STD sector;
- (b) if so, whether the DoT has forwarded its recommendations to the reconstituted Telecom Regulatory Authority of India;
- (c) if so, the details of the main proposals made therein; and
- (d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir.

(c) & (d): The main proposals referred to Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) for their reconsideration include service area of operation, type of competition, entry fee and bidding process for selection, licence fee in the form of revenue share, infrastructure providers etc.