

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

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PULSE RATE REDUCTION

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

- (a) whether the basic phone operators have requested to reduce the call duration from three minutes to 1 1/2 minutes;
- (b) whether the operators have also requested to have two slabs for rentals;
- (c) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

- (a) Yes, Sir. Out of the many diverse suggestions received by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) in its consultation process to review tariff for Basic Telephone Services, one of the suggestions is to reduce the call duration from 3 minutes to 1 1/2 minutes.
- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.
- (d) The service providers are to abide by the tariffs prescribed by TRAI.