

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

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UNIFORM TELECOM TARIFF .
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to implement a low and uniform telecom tariff among the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the private operators have agreed to the above low and uniform system in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT)

- (a) Regulation of Tariff has been mandated to Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) vide the TRAI Act of 1997. As per TRAI, currently there is no specific proposal to implement a low and uniform tariff among the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) countries.
- (b) to (e) Do not arise in view of (a) above.