

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

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FREE ROAMING ACROSS THE COUNTRY  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to remove the roaming charges across the country;
- (b) if so, the details of discussions held by the Government with telephone companies and other stakeholders in this regard alongwith the outcome thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA)

(a) to (c) There is a provision in the Draft National Telecom Policy (NTP) to review roaming charges with the ultimate objective of removing the roaming charge across the nation. One of the objectives of NTP is to achieve 'One Nation - Full Mobile Number Portability and work towards One Nation - Free Roaming'. The last date for feedback was 9.12.2011. Feedback have been received from the stake holders including telecom companies. NTP would be approved by the competent authority. Implementation would commence thereafter.