

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

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LICENCE FEE ON TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to revive its plan to waive licence fee on revenues earned from Landline telephone connections in rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to offset the loss made in this regard from various other sources?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT)

- (a) & (b) Sir, as Ministry of Finance did not concur the plan of waiver of annual license fee on fixed wire-line telephone services in rural areas, the said waiver has been kept in abeyance till further orders.
- (c) No steps have been taken to offset the loss from other sources.