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NATIONAL TELECOM POLICY

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

- (a) whether the Government has announced New Telecom Policy to boost telecom sector;
- (b) if so, the details and the salient features thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken a comprehensive review of the existing tariff framework which proposes to introduce free National Roaming Services and released a Pre-Consultation Paper and invited suggestions/comments from various stakeholders;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the new tariff framework for National roaming is likely to be introduced in the country;
- (e) whether the telecom service providers have raised their concerns in this regard; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure that the call tariff are not increased by operators to compensate the national free roaming?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) National Telecom Policy-2012 (NTP-12) has been approved by the Government on 31.5.2012. Copy of the same is available on DoT web-site 'www.dot.gov.in'. Salient features of NTP-12 are at Annexure.

(c) to (f) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) had issued a Pre-Consultation Paper on "Review of Tariff for National Roaming" on 20.12.2012. The comments received from the stakeholders were considered and a comprehensive consultation process has been initiated by issuing a "Consultation Paper on Review of Tariff for National Roaming" on 25.2.2013 on which the comments of the stakeholders are to be received latest by 18.03.2013. Therefore, the process of consultations is presently underway and further details would be available only after the process is concluded by TRAI.