

**Report on net neutrality**

2156. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry believes that the recommendation of the A.K. Bhargava Committee on Net Neutrality to levy charges on Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) or voice calls is in the interest of customers, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the report has attempted to corroborate with quantitative evidence the claim of Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) that VoIP leads to a loss of evidence, or if it has accepted the TSPs assertion on face value;

(c) if so, the details and statistics thereon; and;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) the Ministry has not taken any considered view on the recommendations of the committee on Net Neutrality. The report of the committee has been uploaded on website of Department of Telecommunications and MyGov portal for comments and suggestions. Based on the committee report, comments and suggestions so received and recommendations of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), Government will take a considered decision on various aspects of Net Neutrality.

(b) and (c) The committee has prepared its report after taking into account view expressed in consultation meetings with various stakeholders viz. Over the Top (OTT) players, Telecom Service Providers/Internet Service Providers, Civil Society Members and Consumer Groups, Multi stakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) formed by Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY) and various Associations/industry bodies. Apart from Telecom Service Provider's data, it has also considered Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) and International Telecom Union (ITU) reports and data from various other sources, listed in Reference of the report.

(d) Not Applicable in view of above.

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