

- (iii) Any packs, plans or vouchers subscribed by the consumer with unexpired validity at the time of commencement of these regulations are not affected by these regulations subject to maximum period of six months.
- (iv) Reduced tariff for accessing or providing emergency services, or at times of public emergency has been permitted.
- (v) Financial disincentive for contravention of the regulation has also been specified.

### **Specific legislation for safeguarding personal data and privacy**

706. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to bring a specific legislation to address the concerns regarding privacy in the country, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether the legislation would provide for protection of 'personal data' along the lines of the European Union's Data Protection Directive, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Government has initiated the process of drafting the legislation to protect privacy of individuals breached through unlawful means in consultation with various stakeholders.

Further, Section 43, Section 43A and Section 72A of the Information Technology Act, 2000 provide comprehensive legal framework for privacy and security of data in digital form. Section 43A mandates that body corporate, who collect personal data or information must provide privacy policy for handling of or dealing in personal information including sensitive personal data. Sections 43 and 43 A of the Act provides for compensation to be paid to the victim in case of unauthorized access of information and leakage of sensitive personal information respectively. Section 72A provides for punishment for disclosure of information in breach of a lawful contract.

### **Telephone and broadband facilities in Saansad Adarsh Grams of Rajasthan**

†707. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has provided telephone and broadband facility in all the Saansad Adarsh Grams in Rajasthan, if so, the list of those villages which have been provided these facilities and when these facilities were provided, if not, the reasons therefor;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.