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Interconnection Usage Charge Policy in Telecom Sector.

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To

Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Communications & IT Department of Telecommunications, 20, Sanchar Bhawan, Ashoka Road New Delhi-110001

Dear Sir,

As you are aware the proportion of 4G capable smart phones and feature-phones has continuously increased in the Indian telecommunication market. According to the International Data Corporation's (IDC) Quarterly Mobile Phone Tracker1, a total of 69.3 million mobile phones were shipped to India in the June 2019 quarter. Out of these, smart phone and feature phone market share were 36.9 and 32.4 million units respectively. In the last quarter ending June 2019 also, while the smart phone market has grown, the feature phone market has continued to decline. This trend indicates that the Indian telecommunication services consumers are progressively moving towards adoption of latest technologies.

In such an environment, the government policies should ensure that consumers get enough opportunity to avail 4G services. But as we have seen, majority of Indian consumers are still in 2G network as the telecom companies have not shifted the benefit of newer technologies to the consumers.

In view of the above, we humbly request you to implement bill and keep policy and instruct the telecom operators to migrate to newer technologies at the very earliest possible.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

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