

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1820
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH DECEMBER, 2018**

HIRING OF NON-GOVERNMENT CONSULTANTS BY TRAI

1820. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether TRAI hires non-Government consultants for performing some of their functions, and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether consultants were hired for drafting the TRAI Prohibition of Discriminatory Tariffs for Data Services Regulations, 2016 and if so, the details of each consultant and the fee paid to each; and
- (c) the list of other consultants hired and fee paid to them for other projects?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

- (a) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India carries out all its functions within the Authority. However, TRAI engages agencies for obtaining research inputs etc.
- (b) TRAI Prohibition of Discriminatory Tariffs for Data Services Regulations, 2016 was drafted and finalised within TRAI.
- (c) The list of other agencies hired and fee paid to them for other projects is attached herewith at **ANNEXURE**.

Payments made to the organizations engaged by TRAI

S.No.	Name of Organisation	Payment made	
		Period	Amount in Rs.
1	National Institute of Public Finance & Policy (NIPFP)	June, 2016 to May, 2017	82,18,969
		June,2017 to May, 2018	121,24,429
		June, 2018 till date	59,67,364
		Total	263,10,762
2	National Institute of Smart Governance (NISG)	2016-17	55,49,918
		2017-18	67,84,116
		2018-19 (till date)	15,19,162
		Total	138,53,196
3	IIT Bombay	Jan.2017, Feb.,2018	4,32,960
4	Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy	8.3.2016	5,00,000
		2017-18	5,58,900
		2018-19	4,34,100
		Total	14,93,000
