

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1977
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd DECEMBER, 2022**

**TASK FORCE TO PROVIDE MARKET SUPPORT TO TELECOM
EQUIPMENT MAKERS**

1977 SHRI JAGESH:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the telecom equipment makers are worried about import of network gear from China, which is being routed through other neighbouring countries;
- (b) whether Government proposes to set up number of task forces to provide market support to telecom equipment makers and a mechanism to check imports from neighbouring countries, which are non-compliant to trusted source rules of the telecom sector; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)**

(a) to (c) Yes, Grievances from telecom equipment makers in respect of import of telecom equipments from China have been received. However, Government has mandated registration of the companies incorporated/ having beneficial ownership in countries sharing land border with India to be eligible to bid in the procurement. Also, Government has taken steps for streamlining and categorising the HS Codes so as to avoid mislabelling of imported items. Moreover, domestic telecom manufacturing industry is being incentivised via schemes like Production linked Incentive (PLI) and Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) (PPP-MII). PLI scheme aims to incentivise manufacturing of telecom and networking products within the country whereas PPP-MII Policy provides preference to domestic manufacturers in public procurement. An expert committee has been constituted by Department of Telecommunications to recommend measures to promote export of domestically manufactured equipments. Department of Telecommunications issued amendment in Telecom Licenses on 10.03.2021, wherein, all Licensees have been directed to connect only Trusted Products in their Telecom Networks with effect from 15.06.2021. A portal (www.trustedtelecom.gov.in) has been launched which facilitates evaluation of telecommunication equipments as Trusted Products and intimation of the same to Licensees.
