

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1134
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1ST AUGUST, 2024**

TARIFF HIKES BY PRIVATE TELECOM OPERATORS

1134 SMT. PRIYANKA CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is aware of the recent tariff hikes of 11-25 per cent by private telecom operators;
- (b) whether, given the large dependence of all classes of citizen on mobile phones and the internet, an impact study has been conducted by Government or submitted by the companies;
- (c) whether an intervention in this matter is planned; and
- (d) whether support to BSNL is being provided to upgrade its infrastructure to compete fairly with the private operators, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(DR. PEMMASANI CHANDRA SEKHAR)**

- (a) Yes, Tariff has recently been hiked by M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd, M/s Bharti Airtel Ltd and M/s Vodafone Idea Ltd.
- (b) & (c) No .
- (d) Yes, Government had extended its support to BSNL for upgrading its infrastructure and competing with private operators. The support provided by Government to BSNL, recently are as follows:

Year	Support (Amount in Rs.)
2019	Rs. 69,000 Crores
2022	Rs. 1.64 Lakh Crores
2023	Rs. 89,000 Crores
