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DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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REPAIR-FRIENDLY ELECTRONIC DEVICES

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has assessed the need to mandate repair-friendly smartphones, including replaceable batteries, availability of spare parts, repair manuals and software support, in line with global best practices, to protect consumer interests and reduce electronic waste;
- (b) whether Government proposes to enact a comprehensive Right to Repair framework for smartphones and other electronic devices, prescribe repairability and battery durability standards and require manufacturers to disclose battery lifespan and repair costs; and
- (c) the details of consultations held with stakeholders and the steps taken or proposed to promote affordable repairs, recycling, refurbishment and sustainable electronic manufacturing in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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(a) to (c): The Department has launched, the Right to Repair Portal India (<https://righttorepairindia.gov.in/>) to provide consumers with an easy access to information for repairing their products and enabling them to reuse it.

A total of sixty-six (66) companies have been on-boarded on the Right to Repair Portal, India including major brands across four sectors: Automobile, Consumer Durables, Mobile & Electronics and Farming Equipment.

The Department hosted a National Workshop on the Right to Repair Framework for the Mobile and Electronic Sectors. The primary goal of the workshop was to address the current challenges in the repair and reuse of mobile and electronic products. The objective was to ensure that the product is not designed to fail but designed to last long so that consumers are not compelled to purchase new products due to a lack of repair options or exorbitant repair costs. The workshop encouraged the stakeholders on key parameters for accessing and evaluating repairability, promoting longevity in product design, and democratizing repair information to enhance consumer experiences in reusing the mobile and electronics products they own.
