

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2900  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST, 2022**

**RELIEF MEASURES FOR TELECOM GEAR MAKERS**

2900. SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken major relief measures for telecom gear makers and telcos, and has extended the dates for mandatory testing and certification of 4G and 5G products after talks with the stakeholders and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the stakeholder had suggested either extending the deadline or keeping it in abeyance till enough third party testing labs were available and if so, the measures taken in this regard;
- (c) whether many Indian labs are still not equipped to handle such testing and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Telecom Equipment Manufacturers Association had suggested that the mandatory testing rule was irrelevant and should be done away with and if so, the details thereof along with the present status thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) Based on stakeholders' requests, the date of mandatory certification of 4G products covered under phase-III & phase-IV of Mandatory Testing and Certification of Telecom Equipment (MTCTE) has been extended from 01.07.2022 to 01.07.2023. 5G products have not been notified under MTCTE till date.

Presently, many Indian labs are equipped for Safety and EMI / EMC testing which are tested for all products. However, sufficient labs are not available for testing of technical and other parameters of 4G products.

For augmentation of third party testing labs, the following measures have been taken:-

- i) TEC Designated labs have been requested to augment their testing infrastructure for testing of 4G and 5G products.
  - ii) TEC has approached Invest India for attracting investment in test labs.
- (d) No such communication is received.

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