

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2566
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH AUGUST, 2024**

TARIFF HIKES BY MOBILE TELECOM OPERATORS

2566 SHRI SELVAGANAPATHI T.M.:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the latest telecom tariff hikes could yield additional profits of Rs. 20,000 crore for the telecom industry once they are fully absorbed and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is true that with improved financial metrics, the industry will have the headroom to undertake deleveraging fund capex for technology upgrade and network expansion, if so the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is true that the latest round of tariff hikes as telecoms increased prepaid tariffs by around 15-20% will provide traction in the average revenue per user level; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The tariffs have been hiked recently by M/s Bharti Airtel Ltd. (BAL), M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd. (RJIL) and M/s Vodafone Idea Ltd (VIL).
- (b) to (d) Industry will determine these based on its business model and market conditions.
