

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 133
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4TH DECEMBER, 2024**

SPECIALIZED MOBILE PHONE PLAN FOR NON-SMART PHONE USERS

***133. SHRI NILESH DNYANDEV LANKE:
SHRI BAJRANG MANOHAR SONWANE:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to introduce specialized mobile phone plans specifically designed for non-smartphone users, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is considering to provide affordable data packages and internet access to the non-smartphone users, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any studies or surveys to assess the proportion of the population that relies on non-smartphones for telecommunication services;
- (d) whether the Government recognizes the potential barriers faced by non-smartphone users in accessing affordable and suitable mobile plans, if so, the steps taken to address these challenges;
- (e) the measures the Government is considering to encourage private telecom operators to offer plans specifically designed for non-smartphone users; and
- (f) whether the Government considers implementing regulatory measures or incentives to promote the availability of affordable and accessible mobile plans for non-smartphone users through private telecom operators and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN
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(SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)**

- (a) to (f) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 133 FOR 4TH DECEMBER, 2024 REGARDING “SPECIALIZED MOBILE PHONE PLAN FOR NON-SMART PHONE USERS.”

(a) to (c) No

(d) to (f) As per Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act 1997, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) regulates the telecom tariff. As per the existing regulatory tariff framework, tariff for telecommunication service is under forbearance except for some services.
