

To,

Shri R.S. Sharma, TRAI Chairman,
Chairman, TRAI,
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Sub – Review of IUC charges by TRAI

Dear Sir,

Telecom customers have benefited from introduction of cheap 4G services in the past 3 years. The same is resulted in drastic lowering of call rates. However because of IUC which is a vestige of earlier generation Telecom Technologies, call rates now stand still and not reduced further.

However with packet switching introduced by 4G technology meant virtually zero cost for terminating network. TRAI also already decided 2 Years back that IUC would be removed from 01st Jan 2020 on the assumption that all existing old networks would have time for upgradation to latest 4G Technology. The same technology is already available across the world for more than 10 Years now.

Though this non-upgradation is deliberate Choice of the telecom operator. Cost of such decision of continueing with old networks is also to be borne by the respective operator only. Hence Customer using 4G Technology can be asked to bear the cost so that it will be in the favour of legacy network carrying Telecom Operators.

It amounts to favouring technologically obsolete networks staying away from investment. Continuation of IUC would be a grim throwback to the old days of License permit Raj where bureaucratic whims could smother innovation and technology.

Yours faithfully,

