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Removal of IUC and BAK Regime

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To

Shri (Dr) P K Mishra,

Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister

Government of India, South Block, (Rajpath), Raisina Hills, New Delhi-110011

Dear Dr P K Mishra

This is to bring to your kind notice that the current status of Indian market indicates that there are a large number of subscribers who having phones NOT 4G capable. This can be due various reasons like Cost of the Phones, Non availability of 4G network. However there are two factors that needs highlighting

1. All Subscribers (current and future) want or need 4G. This is a fallacious conclusion as pushing all subscribers to switch to 4G or later on 5G defeats one of the primary purpose of regulation, that of the consumer right to choose.

2. All Subscribers (current and future) have the capacity to pay for the basic bundled plan. Presently the subscribers pay around Rs. 150 per month. This is a considerable amount of money if we consider that is to be paid for each member of the family. For a family of 4 is could be a sizeable sum. Further with increasing phone addiction a social malaise this could be many times more.

Keeping the focus on consumers rather than shareholders, we think the following are necessary,

1. Service provider migration to higher technology of 4G and Consumer migration to higher technology should be delinked.

2. There should be Plan or plans to take care to the bottom of the pyramid consumer. We should have an India Centric approach to technology usage.

We view as the first step, the Government should revoke Interconnection Usage Charge regime and introduce Bill and Keep (BAK) regime for larger interest of the country. The BAK regime should be implemented by January 2020.

Looking forward to a positive response.

With regards

Yours faithfully

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