

Comments on Floor Price in telecom

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Dear RS Sharma Sir,

I have been a research scholar and very closely following your steps in TRAI for sometime. You have been instrumental in bringing India to this stage. In my opinion it will not be in Public and National interests to introduce Floor Price :

1. Telecom operators will not make any efforts to reduce the cost.
2. Even when they do it will only be used in increasing salaries and not passing the benefits to the public.
3. Today government has already allowed major relief to Telecom operators and now this consideration is not required.
4. It will increase the inefficiency among the operators.
5. It will be against the principal of Free economy where market prices determine the price.
6. TRAI has already been shifted to forbearance so it will be regressive step.
7. These consultation paper are not the means to get the public opinion and TRAI should do survey through the professional agencies to have real view of the public on this crucial issue.
8. Today Voice calls are made free and it is big boost for the poor persons. Any floor price on voice will make the poor public worst affected.
9. It will be setback for Prime Minister Modi's claim which he had made in Howdy Modi for the cheapest data in the world.
10. Profit is outcome of not only the price but also of volume so fixing the floor price would result into lower volume and will not be beneficial to anyone in long run.

Please consider my suggestions. Dr Sharma is always seen as furthering the cause of digitization and he should not even think for such step

Yours Sincerely,

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