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Subject: Review of IUC by TRAI

Sir,

Mobile phones are now lifeline for the country's poor, they need affordable communication. Over the years telecom rates are going down thus enabling it use by a greater section of society. It maybe seen that increase in number of telecom connections comes with rate cuts for calls.

A revival of IUC therefore would be a direct blow on the aspiration of country's poor it also negates the falling trend of Telecom prices. Since IUC was set to go from next year it was reflecting in already lower tariffs.

We are apprehensive that continuation of IUC for a further time period will certainly result in increase in call rates because any extra payment would naturally have to come from consumers only.

We request that TRAI should keep the interest of poor consumers paramount as it decides about continuing IUC since any increase in cost would be detrimental for the poorest customers.

Yours,

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