

**QUESTION DETAILS**

MINISTRY OF : COMMUNICATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF : TELECOMMUNICATIONS

**RAJYA SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 2864

TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2019

Penalty on telecom operators

2864. Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) had recommended to the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) for 3,000 crore penalties to be imposed on three operators for not providing points of interconnections (POIs) to another operator and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is aware that certain officials, in connivance with the defaulting Telecom Service Providers (TSPs), delayed proceedings of the Committee and if so, the details thereof and action taken by Government in this regard so far;

(c) whether the Central Vigilance Commission has taken above cases into their hands; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS, LAW & JUSTICE AND  
ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) in its recommendations has recommended a total penalty of Rs 3050 Crores against the three telecom operators, namely M/s Bharti Airtel Limited, M/s Vodafone India Limited and M/s Idea Cellular Limited. The operator- wise break up is as under:

(i) M/s Bharti Airtel Limited- Rs 1050 Crores

(ii) M/s Vodafone India Limited- Rs 1050 Crores

(iii) M/s Idea Cellular Limited- Rs 950 Crores

(b) to (d) The CVC vide OM dated 8.2.2019 had sought an investigation report on a complaint wherein, inter-alia, it was alleged that there was delay on the part of some officers of Department of Telecommunications in imposition of the penalty. The allegations were examined and a report on the matter has been submitted to Central Vigilance Commission (CVC).

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