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To,

Shri R.S. Sharma, Chairman TRAI
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Subject: Anti-consumer step of TRAI of continuation of IUC


Sir,

Now with a data centric network where all communication is actually data communication only, IUC-a relic of the past, has absolutely no reason to be present, unless of course TRAI wants to lead the country back to the stone age. IUC in today's context rewards the legacy 2G & 3G networks for their inefficiency.

Imposition of IUC charges on 4G network amounts to punishing customers of these networks for efficiency and zero termination cost of their networks. The decision of TRAI to review the continuation of IUC, two years after its declaration of IUC phase out w.e.f. 01.01.2020 is therefore most inexplicable.

IUC continuity will kill the initiative and latest technology in the country because of its inherent design to subsidize old dying 2G & 3G technologies. TRAI should stipulate that high costs of older technologies need to be borne by the telecom operators and it should not be subsidized through IUC.

Yours,


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