

To,

Mr.R.S. Sharma, Chairman, TRAI

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Subject: attempt to continue IUC by TRAI

Sir,

For TRAI consumer welfare should be its first priority. However continuation of IUC will only ensure hefty profits for telecom companies without caring for upgradation of technology, connecting poorest citizens of India etc. Maximization of industry profits cannot be the priority.

To continue with IUC would be patently anti-consumer as burden of this subsidy has to be borne ultimately by the consumers only. TRAI should not establish a regime which taxes the consumers in form of JUG for subsidizing and supporting telecom operators.

It is not understood that why should consumers paying 4G tariffs, wherein voice is in form of data packets and costs nothing should still be compelled to pay IUC. It amounts to day light robbery.

We request TRAI to let telecom payment system progress as per the defined roadmap of phasing out of IUC so that consumers can take benefit of lower telecom tariffs.

Yours,

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