

# Telecom companies seek clarity in GST on value added services: ASSOCHAM

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The proposed GST law should support the government's overall initiative of ease of doing business and offer a simplified tax regime to telecom service providers," the paper pointed out. (Reuters)

New Delhi, Jul 24 (PTI) Telecom industry has sought a clear cut position on levy of taxes on Value Added Services under the proposed GST regime, says a paper by Assocham-KPMG.

Certain VAS offerings such as ringtones come under the 'entertainment tax laws' in some states, the paper said, adding that as service tax is also liable on revenue generated from rendering such services, there is a dual levy on them.

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime "should provide clear and comprehensive provisions with respect to coverage of telecom services for providing clarity of levy of taxes on VAS, infrastructure sharing and e-commerce transactions, since these transactions could have different treatment under GST", said the paper.