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Duty changes in telecom to push Make in India for the world

BCD on fully made phones, PCBA and mobile chargers reduced to 15% from 20%; specific telecom equipment imports to be charged higher duty of 15% versus 10% earlier; Govt to rationalise and simplify custom duty rate structures through a comprehensive review, which will benefit industry

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Up to 10 Lakhs

“Reduction of BCD on mobile phone, PCBA (printed circuit board assembly) and charger to 15% exudes confidence in domestic manufacturing capability of the Indian mobile phone manufacturing ecosystem, which has benefited through multiple fiscal intervention schemes,” said Mayank Arora, director at tax advisory firm Nangia & Co.

Arora referred to modified special incentive package scheme (M-SIPS), scheme for promotion of manufacturing of electronic components and semiconductors (SPECES), and production-linked incentive (PLI) schemes as fiscal interventions.