

Tata is no judge, benefited from UPA's policy: BJP

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NEW DELHI, 9 DEC: Countering industrialist Mr Ratan Tata's statement, the BJP today said he is "no judge" and his views will not be given much importance as he himself was a "beneficiary" of UPA's telecom policy.

In an open letter to former telecom entrepreneur and Rajya Sabha MP Mr Rajiv Chandrasekhar, Mr Tata has hit out at the BJP saying that many flip flops in telecom policy occurred during its regime and backed the probe into spectrum allocation covering the period since 2001 when BJP-led NDA was in power.

"He (Tata) is not a judge. He may not be knowing much about what has actually happened," BJP spokesperson Mr Prakash Javadekar told reporters outside Parliament.

Mr Chandrasekhar had accused Mr Tata of not being transparent and being one of the biggest beneficiaries of the government telecom policy. But Mr Tata maintained that his company Tata Teleservices "has not" been advantaged in any way by former telecom minister A Raja or any earlier minister.

Mr Javadekar said, "Mr Ratan Tata is a great industrialist and I do not want to comment on him but if he is speaking on this (telecom) he should remember that he also

Defamation suit slapped

MUMBAI, 9 DEC: Bharatiya Janata Party president Mr Nitin Gadkari today filed a defamation suit against Congress spokesman Mr Manish Tiwari who accused him of owning a benami flat in the controversial Adarsh Housing Society. When the scam surfaced over one month ago, Mr Tiwari publicly alleged that Mr Gadkari too was involved in the scam. He accused the BJP president of possessing a flat in the name of his business associates' driver Mr Sudhakar Madke. **sns**

owns a telecom company.

"The person who was benefited by UPA policy, public will not give much importance to his statement," the BJP spokesperson said.

Defending NDA's telecom policy, Mr Javadekar said, "we unleashed the revolution and today we are boasting of more than 600 million mobiles in the country. It is due to the pragmatic and visionary policy of the NDA and that is why we are proud of our policy."

Lashing out at the UPA, he said, "The mess which UPA

created is there to be seen and those who benefited out of the UPA policy will always testify for the UPA but that does not mean anything to the public."

The deadlock continued in Parliament over the 2G spectrum allocation issue for the 20th day as the Opposition stuck to its demand for JPC into 2G spectrum issue. "The

whole country is convinced about the massive corruption and people want the guilty to be punished. Government is engaged in spreading falsehood and denying the democratic demand of JPC but we will stick to it," Mr Javdekar said.

