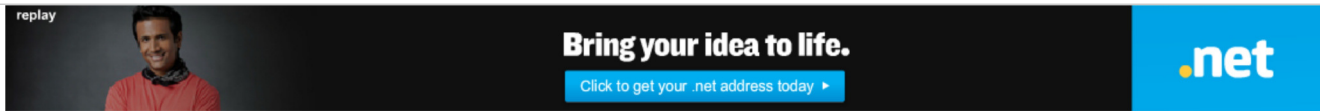


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A Bharti spokesman told Reuters that the company was yet to receive a copy of the tribunal order.

Bharti imported mobile telecom equipment by splitting the value of the equipment into hardware and software, the newspaper said, citing case documents seen by it. The case was over "undervaluation of the imported goods and non-inclusion of the value of software in the imported goods", the paper said.

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