

Deptt. of Telecommunications has issued licences for operation of cellular mobile telephone service in Telecom Circles. The tariff for calls originated from PSTN to the cellular net-works has been fixed as follows:

(i) The intra-Circle calls will be charged at the pulse rate of 8/16/24/36 seconds per unit call, irrespective of the location of calling and called subscriber.

(ii) The inter-Circle calls will be charged at the pulse rates applicable from the originating TAX to the designated national TAX in the called Circle, i.e. the usual STD rate upto the called national TAX.

2. For inter-metro city (Calcutta, Chennai, Delhi & Mumbai) traffic, charging at the pulse rate of 2/4/6/8 seconds per unit call will continue.

3. Circlewise list of national TAXs is given in the Annexure.

4. With this arrangement the calls among the metro cities and Telecom Circles will be charged as inter-Circle calls.

5. These orders will take effect from 15th February, 1997. Necessary technical arrangements may be made in the mean time. This tariff structure may be brought to the notice of public through print media by issue of advertisements at Circle level and also at SSA level immediately. Necessary additions in the tariff information in telephone directories may be carried out for future publications.

6. Traffic studies will be carried out for a period of one year from the operationalisation of the service, detailed instructions for which will be issued separately.

7. This issues with the concurrence of Finance vide Member (Fin) Dy. No. 53, dated 2.1.1997.

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Gauge Conversion

2184. DR. M. JAGANNATH:
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the South Central Railway has decided

to take up two projects, 75 Km. Gauge conversion between coastal rock and Vasco-de-Gama and 126 Km. new railway line between Yerragontala and Nandyal expeditiously:

(b) if so, the time-bound programme made by the railways for these two projects; and

(c) the total expenditure likely to be involved in each project and the time by which work on these projects are likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The details are as under:-

Section	Anticipated Cost	Target for Completion
<i>Gauge Conversion</i>		
(i) Casterock-Vasco	Rs. 522 crores	31.3.97
<i>New Line</i>		
(i) Nandyal-Yerraguntla	Rs. 155.74 crores	Presently, the Final Location Survey and preparation of land acquisition plan and papers are in progress. Work will be taken up, once land becomes available. The project is targetted for completion in the Xth Plan period.

AC-3 Tier Coaches to Trains

2185. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Trains which are proposed to be provided AC-3 tier Coaches during the current year; and

(b) the details of other facilities which are likely to be provided for long distance travellers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) A.C. 3 tier sleeper coach is proposed to be provided on the following trains by March'97:-

1. 3143/3144 Darjeeling Mail
2. 2625/2626 Kerala Express
3. 5659/5660 Kamrup Express