

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1104

ANSWERED ON:30.07.2001

DOLPHIN MOBILE TELEPHONE SERVICE

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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have reduced the monthly rent and call rates between Delhi and Mumbai for its Dolphin Mobile Telephone Service;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the extent of tariff reduced with comparison to other private cellular/mobile telephone operators in Delhi and Mumbai;
- (d) the reaction of the private cellular/mobile operators thereto;
- (e) whether there is any proposal to reduced the call rates and monthly rent on other routes;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be reduced;
- (g) whether the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) has propose to extend Dolphin Service to adjoining cities also;
- (h) if so, the details thereof, city-wise;
- (i) whether cellular telephone subscribers can made local calls upto 200 kms;
- (j) if so, the details thereof;
- (k) whether Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has criticized the said decision; and
- (l) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

- (a) Yes, Sir. The monthly rent and call charges have been reduced but the STD charge between Delhi & Mumbai remain the same.
- (b) The details are as follows:

Package A    Package B

Rental (Rs.)	250.00	375.00
Outgoing/30 Sec (Rs.)	1.00	0.70
Incoming/30 Sec. (Rs.)	0.75	0.70
Pulse rate:30 Sec.		

- (c) Comparative statement of tariff is given below:

TARIFF PLAN    COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF VARIOUS CELL OPERATORS

MTNL (Dolphin)    AIRTEL    Dream    ESSAR(TALKNOW)

Package A    Plan    Talk now

Rental (Rs.)	250.00	295.00	295.00
Outgoing call/30 Sec. (Rs.)	1.00	1.15	1.15

Incoming call/30 Sec. (Rs.) 0.75 1.15 1.15

Package B Sweet 99 Talk Easy

Rental (Rs.)	375.00	395.00	395.00	
Outgoing call/30 Sec. (Rs.)	0.70	0.99	0.99	
Incoming call/30 Sec. (Rs.)	0.70	0.99		0.99

(d) No perceptible reaction of Private Operators noticed.

(e) No Sir, not at the moment.

(f) Does not arise.

(g) & (h): Yes, Sir. Mahangar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL), Delhi is in process of extending dolphin services to adjoining town of Noida, Ghaziabad, Faridabad & Gurgaon, whereas in MTNL Mumbai, Kalyan has also been included in MTNL's jurisdiction fo providing cellular service.

(i) No, Sir.

(j) Does not arise.

(k) & (l): The TRAI has given the determination for extending the Concessional local call facility given by BSNL to its customers to the private operators also. BSNL has appealed against this determination of TRAI before the Telecom Disputes Settlement & Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT). TDSAT has granted the stay to the TRAI determination.