

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4917  
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GROWTH IN STD  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there was 30 percent market growth after the cut in the STD rates recently;
- (b) if so, whether there is any proposal to permit phone-to- phone internet telephony to achieve the growth; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

- (a) Sir, as per a sample study done by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), STD traffic has increased by about 25% on an average.
- (b) & (c): As on date, there is no such proposal.