

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

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DOLPHIN CELLULAR SERVICES
UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the MTNL has taken any steps to reduce the high security deposit for Dolphin Cellular Service;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the MTNL also charges an activation fee for opening cellular phones; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

- (a) & (b): Sir, the security deposits of Rs. 2000/- for Non-STD subscribers, Rs. 4000/- for STD subscribers and Rs. 6000/- for STD and ISD subscribers for MTNL Dolphin Cellular Services are considered reasonable in view of the average billing on these numbers.
- (c) & (d): Yes, Sir. MTNL charges one time activation fee of Rs. 1000/- plus 5% Service Tax for its Post Paid `Dolphin` connections.