

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3356  
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REDUCTION OF CHARGES OF CELLULAR MOBILE PHONE  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that the charges for the Mobile Phones operated by the BSNL are higher than the Mobile Phone charges of the Private Cellular Operators ;
- (b) if so, whether the Government propose to reduce the Mobile Phone Charges of BSNL to facilitate the BSNL Cellular subscribers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. S PASWAN)

- (a) No, Sir. On overall basis BSNL charges are comparable to the mobile phone charges of the private cellular operators.
- (b) to (d): Question does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.