

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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LOCAL CALL DIALLING FACILITY

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

- (a) whether any scheme is under the consideration of the Government to make the telephone facility from metropolitan cities to States through local call dialling;
- (b) if so, whether this facility is proposed to be made available in all the States;
- (c) if so, by when it is likely to be done;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the States and metropolitan cities between which this facility is being provided; and
- (f) the extent to which this facility is likely to benefit the general public?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

(e) BSNL has permitted dialling of calls between its cellular subscribers of Tamil Nadu & Chennai and West Bengal & Kolkatta with or without prefixing `0` for the sake of customers` convenience on an experimental basis. These calls are treated as National Long Distance Calls for all purposes of Interconnect Usage Charge (IUC) and Access Deficit Charge (ADC).

(f) The BSNL mobile subscribers not having STD facility are able to dial the other BSNL mobile subscribers within the state.