

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

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REVISION OF TARIFF ON `ONE INDIA SCHEME`

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

- (a) the names of Government/private companies manufacturing WLL handsets in the country;
- (b) whether WLL handsets are being imported;
- (c) if so, the reasons for the same;
- (d) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has recently revised tariff on `One India Scheme`;
- (e) if so, the reasons for Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) not reducing tariff on the scheme; and
- (f) the steps taken /proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) handsets are manufactured in the country in a limited number from semi-knock down (SKD) stage by companies like M/s ITI Ltd., a public sector company and M/s Himachal Futuristic Communications Ltd.(HFCL), M/s ICOMM Tele Ltd., M/s XL Telecom Ltd., M/s Surana Telecom Ltd., etc. in the private sector.

(b) & (c) Yes, Sir. WLL (CDMA) handsets are freely importable as per the Foreign Trade Policy.

(d) Yes, Sir. Recently, M/s Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) has reduced the rental of `BSNL ONE INDIA` scheme for Basic and WLL Services from Rs. 299/- per month to Rs.225/- per month with 25 free calls with effect from 01.07.2006.

(e) Telecom Service Providers fix their tariffs keeping in view the competition, cost involved etc and accordingly M/s Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd.(MTNL) has not reduced its tariffs.

(f) The Government does not regulate the tariff for the telecom services.