

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:432
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TELECOM PLAN BY MTNL BSNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any difference exists between the various Telecom plans provided by the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, plan-wise and category-wise alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to ensure level playing field for both the public sector telecom companies;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to provide similar telecom facilities to the subscribers of these public telecom companies?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A.RAJA)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 432 FOR 26TH APRIL, 2010 REGARDING "TELECOM PLAN BY MTNL/BSNL"

(a) & (b) Madam, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) are two different business entities. They are operating in different areas. While MTNL is operating in Mumbai and Delhi, BSNL is offering service in the remaining areas across the country. Hence, the tariff plans extended by these two units to their customers may not be comparable and could differ as per the market requirements assessed by their management. The details of tariff plans offered by BSNL and MTNL are available in their website www.bsnl.co.in and www.mtnl.net.in respectively.

(c) & (d) The Government has already extended a level playing field to all the telecom services providers including BSNL and MTNL.

(e) Both the public telecom companies are providing more or less similar telecom facilities to the subscribers as per the market conditions/requirements. The facilities provided by BSNL and MTNL under different tariff plans are also generally similar to those provided by the private telecom companies.