

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

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PROVISION OF LOCAL CALL FACILITY  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the subscribers of Delhi and Mumbai have been allowed to talk to each other without STD facilities;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to extend this facility to other metropolitan cities like Chennai, Bangalore and Kolkata in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT)

- (a) Yes, Madam. The calls between Delhi and Mumbai and vice-versa within MTNL Network are being charged at local call rates. However, the calls between Delhi & Mumbai and vice-versa from MTNL Network to the network of other service providers are being charged at higher rates.
- (b) There is no such proposal in MTNL and BSNL for Chennai, Bangalore and Kolkata as MTNL does not have network in these cities and BSNL has pan India operation except Delhi and Mumbai. Hence, it will not be possible to extend such facilities to other metropolitan cities like Chennai, Bangalore and Kolkata. If BSNL allows the facilities to Chennai, Bangalore and Kolkata depriving other subscribers of the country, there will be demand for other cities also, which will not be financially viable to BSNL.
- (c) & (d) Do not arise in view of the (b) above.