

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether any facilities in telecom services have been provided by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) to senior citizens in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to bring down the qualifying age for availing the facilities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. In MTNL, Delhi, senior citizens are allowed 25% concession on installation charges of Rs.500/- in case of new installation and on monthly service charges of Rs.250/- in plan Rs.250/- only.

In MTNL, Mumbai, 25% concession on installation and monthly fixed charges are allowed to senior citizens in plan 250.

(c) to (e) No, Madam. As of now there is no plan to bring down the qualifying age for availing the facilities.