

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

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CONCESSIONAL FACILITIES TO SENIOR CITIZENS BY MTNL

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

- (a) whether the senior citizens are provided concessional facilities by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. (MTNL) for landline and internet connections;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government plans to bring down the senior citizen age to 60 years from existing 65 years for availing MTNL facilities as applicable in Railways, Income Tax, etc.;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. For Landline connections, the senior citizens are allowed 25% concession on installation charges and monthly service charges under Plan 250. For Internet connections, no concessional facility is being provided at present.
- (c) to (e): No, Madam, as of now there is no plan to bring down the qualifying age from existing 65 years to 60 years for availing facilities.