

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RECOVERY OF SPECTRUM CHARGES FROM BSNL AND MTNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the Government has recovered 3G and BWA spectrum charges from MTNL and BSNL;
- (b) if so, the details of the amount received during the last three years and the current year, separately from 3G and BWA, operator-wise;
- (c) whether BSNL has requested for restoration of Access Deficit Charge (ADC), refund/reimbursement of licence fee and increasing the grant under Universal Service Obligation Fund; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Upfront charges of Rs. 6564.00 crores/Rs. 10186.58 crores for 3G and Rs. 4533.97 crores/Rs. 8313.80 crores for BWA were recovered from MTNL/BSNL respectively. Spectrum charges for 3G & 2G clubbed together have been paid separately by these operators. Consolidated Spectrum Usage charges for GSM Service collected during the last three years and the current year from MTNL and BSNL are as under:-

(Amount in Crores)

Operator	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12 (Up to 2nd Quarter ended on 30.09.2011)
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MTNL Spectrum Usage charges	27.26	22.50	34.76	16.99
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BSNL Spectrum Usage charges	395.45	377.81	435.24	220.00
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(c)&(d) BSNL has sought support of Rs. 9306 crores per annum from USOF towards the Rural Direct Exchange Lines (R-DEL) on expiry of the current subsidy support of Rs. 2000 crores per annum given to BSNL for the period of three years from 19th July 2008 to 17th July 2011. After consideration, TRAI has been requested on 14.09.2011 to give its recommendations regarding continuation of support for rural wire line connection installed before 01.04.2002 from USOF on phasing out of ADC, beyond three years and the amount/period thereof. The TRAI recommendation in this regard is awaited.