GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1668 ANSWERED ON:30.11.2009 REDUCTION IN CALL RATES Jakhar Shri Badri Ram

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

(a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)/Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) has any proposal to provide cheaper Telephone/Mobile call rates to the subscribers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Sir, BSNL has recently offered "one paise per second plan" and "all@49 plan" under 2G prepaid mobile services which are either cheaper or competitive to the tariff offered by private operators. The details are given as Annexure-A & B.

MTNL is continuously introducing new tariff plans keeping in view the various factors including the market conditions.