

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

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Free Night Calls

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

- (a) whether Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has recently offered free night calls on landline/fixed line services throughout the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) has offered free night calls on landline/fixed line service in Delhi/Mumbai or proposes to do so and if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor;
- (d) the revenue loss of BSNL yearly on account of such a policy being issued; and
- (e) whether the Government has taken/ proposes to take any steps to increase revenue of BSNL to account for the loss sustained through this policy?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

- (a) to (c) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has offered, on its specific landline tariff plans, free calls to landline and mobile connections of any operator within India between 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) has also offered free calls from its landline connections to landline and mobile connections of any operators in Delhi and Mumbai between 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- (d) & (e) BSNL and MTNL have offered free night calling plans to increase attractiveness of landline connections which has been facing a declining trend in the recent past and to improve network utilization. BSNL and MTNL have informed that no revenue loss on account of offering free night calls is anticipated at present.