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Tariff Plan of BSNL

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

- (a) whether Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) plans to offer single tariff plans for specific data speeds across the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether with surrender of additional 3G Spectrum and with no 4G Spectrum, whether BSNL will capture market; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the other steps taken/being taken by the BSNL to provide more facilities to its customers?

Answer

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

(a) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has informed that it offers 3G speed to all its mobile customers. The tariff charged by BSNL for data usage is uniform across the country irrespective of data speed. However, tariff plans/STVs (Special Tariff Vouchers) charges vary, depending upon the volume of free data usage and validity of the data plan.

(b)&(c) BSNL continues to possess the right to use 3G spectrum in all the Licenced service areas. The techno-commercial feasibility of launching LTE (Long Term Evolution)/4G services in selective cities using Broadband Wireless Access (BWA) spectrum is being studied by BSNL.

BSNL is augmenting its mobile network by addition of 15 million lines for enhancing radio capacity and coverage under Phase VII expansion project. Out of this 13.48 million GSM lines has been rolled out. BSNL is taking other steps like setting up Wi-fi hotspots on revenue share basis to increase its revenue and providing better services to its customers, introducing free night calling tariff plans for wireline customers and introduction of free national roaming on pan-India basis for mobile customers.