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LAUNCHING OF NEW SCHEME BY MTNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) has launched any new Scheme for its existing subscribers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of new connections issued since inception of new Scheme till date;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to launch similar Scheme for BSNL subscribers also;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Mahnagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) has introduced following schemes during November 2005 for its existing customers:

(i) A new promotional plan for land line service (One + One) has been launched with effect from 01.11.2005 under which one free additional land line connection will be provided at the same address and in the same name of the customer without any registration charge, security deposit and monthly rental for a period of one year to the customer of all plans.

(ii) A new plan of Broad Band Services under the brand name `Tri- B 200P` of Rs.199/- monthly charges with free download of 400 Mega Bytes.

(c) 9810 new land line connections have been provided since inception of the scheme. Further, MTNL has provided 13539 Broad Band connections from 01.11.2005 till 30.11.2005.

(d) & (e) Sir, following new schemes of similar nature are available to the existing customers of BSNL.

(i) Unlimited free download between 02.00 hrs. to 08.00 hrs. is given to existing broad band customers of BSNL on Home 500 and above plans.

(ii) A promotional scheme has been launched by BSNL for all its existing land line (bfone) customers of Calling Line Identification (CLI) based Internet service with free Internet access for 15 hours from 01.11.2005 to 31.01.2006.

(iii) Broad Band monthly rental charges of Rs.250 are waived off for first two months for existing Dialup Internet subscribers who migrate to Broadband Dataone service during the period 01.11.2005 to 31.12.2005.

(f) Does not arise in view of (d) & (e) above.