

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FIXED WIRELESS PHONE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the cost `per line` of setting up of a Fixed Wireless Phone (FWP) vis-à-vis a wireline Network;
- (b) whether there is any difference in gestation period of setting up fixed Wireless Network vis-a-vis a Wireline Network;
- (c) the approximate cost saving if FWP network is deployed instead of Wireline Network;
- (d) whether the Government would consider deploying FWP phones instead of Wireline Network in case FWP phones are more affordable; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) According to information received from BSNL, the estimated per line cost of Fixed Wireless Phones is Rs. 9000/- against Rs. 26000/- in respect of wireline network.
- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) As indicated in para (a) above, approximate cost saving is of the order of Rs. 17,000/- per line.
- (d) & (e) The licences are technology neutral. The various operators select the technology depending upon techno-economic consideration.