

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

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

- (a) whether all the cell phone companies in Delhi are providing free roaming facilities to the subscribers of `National Capital Region` towns;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the subscribers of certain towns in the NCR have been deprived of this facility;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in order to bring about uniformity in this regard particularly for the subscribers of Bahadurgarh and Sonapat towns; and
- (f) the status of such a facility for the people living in other Metro Cities & important cities like Hyderabad?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) For the purpose of Cellular Mobile Telephone Service (CMTS) and Unified Access Services (UAS) Licences, the Delhi Metro Service Area comprises of Local Areas served by Delhi, Ghaziabad, Faridabad, Noida and Gurgaon Telephone Exchanges. No roaming charges are applicable within the service area.
- (c) to (e) Some of the towns in the National Capital Region (NCR), like Bahadurgarh and Sonapat are not part of the Delhi Metro Service Area. Bahadurgarh and Sonapat are part of Haryana Telecom Circle Service Area. There is no proposal to change the boundaries of these Service Areas.
- (f) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has extended free roaming facility to its subscribers between Kolkata Metro and West Bengal Telecom Circle Service Areas and Chennai Metro and Tamilnadu Telecom Circle Service Areas. As per CMTS and UAS Licences, Hyderabad is a part of Andhra Pradesh Telecom Circle Service Area and within the service area no roaming charges are applicable.