

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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UNIFORM SYSTEM AND RATE FOR TELEPHONE CONNECTION  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether uniform system and rate for fresh landline telephone connection is being followed all over the country;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the MTNL and the BSNL have a uniform rate and system in this regard;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the BSNL is providing Telecommunication services in Manipur;
- (f) if so, the charges realized by the BSNL for fresh landline Telephone connection in Manipur;
- (g) whether employees of the Telecom Department demand high charges for installation of fresh landline connection;
- (h) if so, the action taken against them; (i) whether shortage of telephone connection is the creation of some private companies; and (j) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to clear the long waiting list in Manipur?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) Tariff for Telecom Services are under forbearance except in case of rural subscribers in fixed line, roaming services in mobile telephony and for leased circuits. However, there is a standard tariff package applicable for rural fixed line subscribers. The operators including MTNL and BSNL are free to offer any tariff subject to compliance of Interconnection Usage Charge Regulation/Tariff Regulations issued by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India from time to time.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) to (h) The charges for fresh landline telephone connection since 01-12-2004 are given in the Annexure. In some cases Rs. 2000/- was charged inadvertently as registration fee in the state of Manipur even after November 2004, when the charges were reduced to Rs. 500/-. The customers are however, automatically paid back this amount by way of adjustment in the first bill itself. The mistake has been rectified and suitable action is being taken against the defaulting officials.

(i) No, Sir.

(j) There is a waiting list of 2436 in Manipur Secondary Switching Area with BSNL. Expansion of network for clearing waiting list is a continuous process. Accordingly, BSNL is taking steps for increasing the accessibility by setting up Wireless in Local Loop, Global System Mobile and Satellite based systems in progressive manner.

**ANNEXURE**

**Monthly Rental Charges for B-fone**

Exchange capacity	Rural (Rs.)	Urban (Rs.)
Less than 1000 lines	50	120
1000 to 29999 lines	110	120
30000 to 99999 lines	150	180
100000 lines and above	210	250

## Unit Call Charges and Free Calls

MCUs	Rural (Rs.)	Urban (Rs.)
0 to 50	Free	Free
51 to 75	Free	1.00
76 to 300	0.80	1.00
Above 300	1.20	1.20

## Security Deposit (From 17-05-2004 onwards)

Exchange capacity	Local	Local + STD	Local + STD + ISD
All	1000	2000	3000

Note: Security deposit is also recoverable in instalments.

## Registration Charges (From 01-12-2004 onwards)

Exchange capacity	Rural (Rs.)	Urban (Rs.)
All	500	500

Note: Adjustable in first bill.  
No registration fee is levied where the connections are available on demand.

## Installation charges

Exchange capacity	Rural (Rs.)	Urban (Rs.)
Less than 500 lines	300	300
500 lines and above	500	500