

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:351
ANSWERED ON:17.03.2006
COLLECTION OF ADC
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Access Deficit Charges (ADC) collected during the last three years and till date including its utilization during the period;
- (b) whether any target was fixed for the collection of ADC during 2005-06;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) in case of shortfall in the collection of ADC, whether the Government proposes to raise telephone rentals for rural users particularly under the One India telecom tariff scheme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 351 FOR 17TH MARCH, 2006 REGARDING COLLECTION OF ADC.

(a) Due to technical constraints in the existing network of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), it is not possible to measure intra-network minutes that are required for computing the amount of ADC retained by BSNL. Moreover, there was no regulatory reporting requirement for the amount of Access Deficit Charge (ADC) collected till 28th February, 2006. Therefore, the exact amount of ADC collected during the last three years is not maintained.

However, based on sample traffic observations, BSNL has estimated ADC as Rs. 4559 crores for the period 01.02.2004 to 31.01.2005 and Rs. 3700 crores for the period 01.02.2005 to 31.01.2006 against the estimate of Rs. 4792 crores and Rs. 4954 crores respectively by TRAI for BSNL. As no traffic observation were carried out by BSNL in the period May 2003 to January 2004 no figures can be estimated. Further no separate accounts of its utilization are maintained, as there is no such regulatory requirement.

(b) No target has been fixed by the Department of Telecommunications for collection of ADC during 2005-06. The total amount of ADC for the period from 1st February, 2005 to 31st January, 2006 was estimated at a total of Rs. 5669 crores by Telecom regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) while the total amount of ADC for the period from 01.03.2006 to 28.02.2007 is estimated to be around Rs. 3300.00 crores.

(c) Does not arise in view of above.

(d) & (e) While the rental for rural subscribers continues to remain between Rs. 50/- to Rs. 150/- per month under general package of BSNL, the rental under `One India Plan` is Rs. 299/- per month. `The One India Plan` is an optional plan for those subscribers who may find it beneficial according to their requirement.