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REDUCTION IN MONTHLY RENTAL OF `ONE INDIA` PLAN

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the BSNL has slashed the monthly rental of `One India` Plan from Rs. 225 to Rs. 180.
- (b) if so, the number of applications received by the Government so far from the people under the `One India` plan following the slashing of rental; and
- (c) the increase in terms of percentage in the number of connections under the new plan vis-à-vis the old plan?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir. BSNL has reduced the rates of `BSNL One India` package from Rs. 225 to Rs. 180 under Bfone including WLL service from 1st November, 2006.

(b) & (c) BSNL extended revised cheaper package w.e.f. 1st November, 2006 to all customers viz. 1.16 crores served from exchange system capacity of more than 30,000 lines and above, paying rental of Rs. 180 per month with 50 free calls, by default under Bfone including WLL services.

MTNL has received 18381 applications (including change of plan) under its `One India Plan` in the month of November, 2006. For MTNL, there is an increment of 36.33% in Delhi and 23.30% in Mumbai in the number of connections under the new plan.