

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1055  
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REDUCTION IN TARIFF OF BSNL PLAN  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether BSNL has recently reduced the fixed line tariff particularly STD call rates, monthly rentals, increased the free calls and many other concessions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the MTNL has also proposed to follow suit;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the new proposal is likely to come into effect?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Fixed Line tariff for exchange system capacity more than 29999 lines (Urban) has been reduced by bringing it in line with "One India" Plan. The tariffs of Basic services are being reviewed by BSNL from time to time. Details of various plans offered by BSNL for Fixed Line including BSNL "One India" plan are given in Annexure-I.

(c) to (e) Yes Sir. MTNL has been reviewing the fixed line tariff to meet competition and to meet the aspiration of customers, and has already introduced certain reductions and concessions, details of which are given in Annexure-II.