

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:304  
ANSWERED ON:16.08.2010  
LOCAL CALL RATES FOR LONG DISTANCE CALLS  
Banerjee Shri Ambica

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

- (a) whether calls between Delhi-Mumbai and vice-versa are charged at local rates within the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) network;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to charge local call rates amongst other Metro cities; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c) 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 (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 304 FOR 16TH AUGUST, 2010 REGARDING "LOCAL CALL RATES FOR LONG DISTANCE CALLS"

- (a) Yes, Madam. The calls between Delhi & Mumbai and vice-versa within MTNL Network are being charged at Local Call Rates.
- (b) No, Madam.
- (c) There is no such proposal in MTNL and BSNL for other Metro cities. So far as MTNL is concerned, it does not have network in any other Metro city. In case of BSNL, which has pan- India operation (except Delhi & Mumbai), it will not be possible to extend such facilities to other Metro cities. If BSNL allows such facility to subscribers of other Metro cities, there will be similar demand from subscribers of other cities also, which will not be Financially/Commercially viable.