

**Concession on internet connections for senior citizen**

521. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some concession is allowed to senior citizens who use MTNL connections;

(b) whether no concession is allowed to senior citizens who use internet connections;

(c) whether it is also a fact that use of internet connection has become essential in day-to-day life like use of e-payment, e-banking. etc.; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not allowing concessional internet connection to senior citizens?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. (SHRIMATI) KRUPARANI KILLI):

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. For Landline connection, the senior citizens (65 years and above) are allowed 25% concession on installation charges and monthly service charges under Plan 250. For Internet connections, no concessional facility is being provided at present.

(c) and (d) Although Internet connection is required for e-payment, e-banking etc., MTNL is not in a position to give concession to senior citizen for this facility due to financial constraints.

**Mobile services in backward areas of Uttar Pradesh**

†522. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has launched mobile services especially in the backward areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, as on date;

(c) the areas of the country especially in Uttar Pradesh which have not yet been connected through the mobile services, as on date; and

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