

The Terms of Reference of the Committee were to assess whether lay-off/retranchment had been resorted to by the concerned Companies and whether there were any deviations from the Shareholders' Agreement signed by these Companies with the Government of India in respect of clauses dealing with labour issues

(c) The Report of the Committee has not yet been received.

Tariff of BSNL and MTNL mobile phones

†*355. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether mobile tariff of BSNL and MTNL is equal to that of other private companies; and

(b) the status of utilisation of MTNL and BSNL services in comparison to other private companies?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN): (a) The Telecommunications Tariff Order (TTO), 1999 provides flexibility to all cellular operators including BSNL & MTNL to fix tariffs. Thus, the operators are at liberty to offer alternate tariff packages to subscriber depending upon their usage pattern. There are a large number of tariff plans offered by MTNL, BSNL and other cellular operators. Since there are too many combinations of rentals and airtime charges in various alternative packages, the tariff levels of MTNL and BSNL *vis-a-vis* other private cellular operators, do not provide comparable data for any meaningful conclusion. A broad comparison of one of the tariffs plan for general public of BSNL, MTNL and sample private operator has been made. It is observed that BSNL plan charges Rs. 225.00 as monthly rental, local call charge of Rs. 2.20 & STD call charge of Rs. 2.40 to 3.60 per minute depending upon distance but with a pulse rate of 15 seconds and national SMS charge of Rs. 0.40 per message. The MTNL has a plan with Rs. 100.00 as monthly rental, local call charge of Rs. 1.90 per minute & STD call charge of Rs. 1.90 to 3.90 per minute depending upon distance & type of terminating network with 60 seconds pulse and national SMS charge of Rs. 1.50 per message. The private operator has a plan of

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Rs. 200.00 as monthly rental, local call charge of Rs. 1.80 to 2.50 and STD call charge of Rs. 1.80 to 4.00 per minute depending upon distance and type of terminating network with 60 seconds pulse and national SMS charge of Re. 1.00 per message. A sample tariff plan each of MTNL and BSNL are given in the enclosed Statement (See below). The tariff plan of MTNL and BSNL are competitive with private operators.

(b) The planning of mobile network is done by the various operators as per their own perception of (i) traffic per subscriber, (ii) usage pattern of subscriber of a particular geographical area; (iii) expected number of subscribers roaming in their network from other networks at a given point of time; and (iv) number of their subscribers who are expected to roam in other networks etc. Therefore, capacity utilization of various operators cannot be compared in wireless systems. However, the market share of PSUs (BSNL & MTNL combined) in mobile telephony is 21.86% as on 31.7.2004.

Statement

A sample tariff plan each of MTNL and BSNL

Post Paid Tariff Plan on offer as on 30th June, 2004

Sl No	Particulars	Budget(E)
1	Installation/Activation Charges	Rs. 500+Service Tax (For employees of DoT, MTNL,
2	Security Deposit	
	For Local connections	Nil
	Additional Security Deposit for NSD*	Rs. 2000
	Additional Security Deposit for NSD & ISD	Rs. 6000
	Additional Security Deposit for ISD, if NSD is already available	Rs. 4000
3	Other one time charges	
	(a) Plan Enrolment Fees (One Time)	Nil
	(b) Others	Nil
4	Monthly charges (Compulsory)	
	(a) Rental (Service tax extra)	Rs. 100
	(b) Membership Fees	Nil
	(c) Others	Nil

*No security deposit for STD for Central/State Government and Central PSU employees and Existing MTNL, PSTN Customers having STD facility in their PSTN telephone or who have deposited Rs. 3000/- as security deposit. Security Deposit for Corporate with minimum booking of 10 connections Nil

Sl. No	Particulars	Budget(E)		
5	Minimum airtime charges/commitment(Rs.)	Nil		
6	Pulse rate for local calls			
	to Cell	60 Seconds		
	to Fixed	60 Seconds		
	to WLL(M)	60 Seconds		
7	Free air time allowed	Nil		
8	Outgoing call charges per minute:	to Fixed	To WLL(M)	to Cell
	Local			
	(a) Peak hour O/G	1.90	1 90	1 90
9.	STD call (Pulse & Charges per pulse)			
	(b) Inter Circle Calls			
	0-50 Kms	1 90	1.90	1 90
	51-100 Km	1.90	1 90	1.90
	101-200 Km	1 90	1 90	1 90
	201-500 Kms	2 90	2 90	2 30
	>500 Km	3.90	3 90	2 50
10.	ISD calls (pulse & charge per pulse)			
	(a) Slab 1 (USA, UK, Canada and all countries with 001 access	12 00		
	Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Thailand)			
	(b) Slab 2 (Australia, New Zealand, Europe, Gulf, SAARC,			
	Saudi Arabia, Africa)	15.00		
11.	Charges for optional services:			
	(a)	Roaming-National		
	-Rental/Month	Rs 30/-		
	-Airtime	With BSNL, No additional airtime		
	(b) Roaming International			
	-Rental/Month	Rs 90/-		
	-Airtime	As per International Operator Rates		
	(b) SMS			
	Local P2P	50 Paisa/SMS		
	National	Rs. 1 50/SMS		
	International	Rs. 2 50/SMS		
	Other content based services	Rs 1.00/SMS		
	(b) CLIP	Free		
	(c) Call Waiting	Free		
	(d) Call Forwarding	Free		
	(e) Multiple Conferencing	Rs 50/- (Free for corporates)		
	(f) Voice Mail	(a) Rs 100/- p m or (b) Rs 2 per		
	(g) Detailed billing	Rs. 50/- (Free for corporates)		
	(h) WAP	Rs 100 per month		

BSNL, ALL INDIA (except Delhi & Mumbai)

Post Paid Tariff Plan on offer as on 30th June, 2004

Sl No	Particulars	Plan-225	
1.	Installation charges	—	
2.	Security deposit		
	-Local	1000	
	-STD	2000	
	-ISD	3000	
3.	Other one time charges	—	
	(a) Plan enrolment fee (one time)		
	(b) Others (Please specify)—Activation Charges	200	
4.	Monthly charges (compulsory)	—	
	(a) Rental	225	
	(b) Membership fee		
	(c) Others—Plan charges per month	Nil	
5.	Minimum airtime charges/commitment (Rs.)	—	
6.	Pulse rate for local calls	—	
	-To Cell	15	
	-To Fixed	15	
	-To WLL(M)	15	
7.	Free airtime allowed, if any	Nil	
8.	Call charges per pulse	To Fixed/WLL(M)	To Cellular
	(a) Peak hour O/G	0 60	0 55
	(b) Off peak hour O/G		
9.	STD calls (pulse in seconds * charge per pulse)	15	-
	(a) Intra-circle		
	0-50 Kms	0 60	0 55
	51-100 Kms		
	101-200 Kms		
	201-500 Kms		
	>500 Kms		
	(b) Inter-circle		
	0-50 Kms	0 60	0 60
	51-100 Kms		
	101-200 Kms		
	201-500 Kms		
	>500 Kms		
10.	ISD calls (pulse & charge per pulse)	pulse in sec	Rate/Puls.
	(a) Slab-1 (USA, Canada, UK)	10	1.20
	(b) Slab-2 (Europe [other than UK] Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and Hong Kong)	7.5	1.20
	(c) Slab-3 Rest of the World	4	1.20

Sl No	Particulars	Plan-225
11 Charges for optional services		
(a) Roaming (Fixed monthly charges & airtime)		
(i) National		Nil
(a) Additional Security Deposit		50 per month only in Plan-225
(b) Rental		As per Plan-225
(c) Call charges		
(ii) International		O/G 75 per minute I/C 75 per minute
(a) Tariff for in-roamers in BSNL		O/G SMS 20 per message maximum 160 ch I/C SMS free
(b) Tariff for post paid BSNL customer (outbound roaming)		
Security Deposit		7500
Monthly Rental		99
Charges for calls		Note-1
(b) SMS (Fixed monthly charges & charge per SMS)		
(i) Local		0.40 per SMS
(ii) National		0.40 per SMS
(iii) International		3 00 per SMS
(c) Others (Please specify)		
Package in SMS under the option of subscriber (Applicable only in Plan-525)		
400 free SMS		100 per month
1000 free SMS		200 per month
Beyond the free limit of SMS		0.40 per message
Group messaging		—
Rental		100 per month
O/G same SA		0 40 per message
Outside SA		0 40 per message
Charges for delivery reports of SMS		0 40 per message

Note (1) Charges for calls made or received while international roaming will be as levied by the network selected by the BSNL post paid subscribers. BSNL will levy a surcharge of 15% on such amount and bill the customer for gross amount.

(2) Service tax extra

National Road Safety Policy

*356 SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that road accident scenario in the country is fairly dismal,