

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4324
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST MARCH, 2018**

NEW SCHEMES FOR BSNL SUBSCRIBERS

4324. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to launch any new scheme for BSNL subscribers and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any new steps to improve BSNL services in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

(a) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is offering various tariff schemes to its Global System for Mobile communication (GSM)/Landline /Broadband subscribers depending on the competitive and affordable rates. BSNL is continuously formulating tariff plans based on number of factors viz. prevailing market trends, competitor's tariff, commercial viability, cost of operation etc. BSNL on the basis of these factors continuously revises its tariff plans for the benefit of the customers.

Currently BSNL proposes to introduce Family Broadband plan 'BBG Combo ULD 1199 Family' @ Rs. 1199/- per month, bundled with three mobile connections with following additional facility:

- Unlimited Broadband with initial speed of 'Up to 10 Mbps'.
- Unlimited free calling from Landline to any network within India
- Unlimited free calling from all 3 SIMs (Subscriber Identification Modules) to any network within India.
- Unlimited data browsing/downloading from all 3 SIMs.
- Online TV on Mobile.
- Online education subscription for one month.

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Similarly, in Landline category, BSNL proposes to introduce Landline plan @ Rs. 99/- with a facility of unlimited calling to BSNL network within India.

(b) to (d) BSNL has taken the following initiatives to improve its services in the country:

1. In ADSL (Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line) Broadband, for increasing traffic carrying capacity, augmentation of Broadband Network equipments is being done from time to time. For providing better browsing speed to customers, BSNL has done peering and caching with various content providers in BSNL Network. BSNL is also taking steps for Rehabilitation of Outdoor network.
2. For augmentation of GSM (Global System for Mobile communication) radio Capacity and coverage area, Phase-VIII.4 mobile expansion project is under rollout. The project presently envisages to provide 20035- 2G BTS; 22517-3G Node Bs and 10000-4G E-Node Bs in its LSAs.
3. To improve quality of wireline telephone network BSNL has planned for replacement/ migration of Legacy Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) TDM (Time Division Multiplexing) based switches to IMS (IP-Multimedia Subsystem) based NGN (Next Generation Network) class 5 network which support different kinds of services i.e. voice, video and data.

With migration to NGN, customer will get enhanced facilities on wire line with providing Enhanced Value Added Services like Personalized Ring Back Tone, Broadband VAS, Multi Media Video Conferencing and IP Centrex etc.

Core equipment of 1 Million and 3 Million capacity for Phase-I & Phase-II respectively has been installed and commissioned. Access equipment of 1 Mn against Phase-I has been installed and commissioned. Access equipment of 3 Million against Phase-II is under implementation.

CDOT MAX NG core has been supplied at two core locations i.e. Gurgaon and Cuttack under Phase-I. Phase-II PO (Purchase Order) for core equipment of C-DOT MAX NG at 6 sites placed on M/s C-DOT. Core equipments have been received and integrated by BSNL. Acceptance Testing of core sites is under progress.

Tender for access equipment of C-DOT MAX NG has been floated by BSNL for up gradation of CDOT-MAX Switches to CDOT-MAX NG. PO has been issued to L1 & L2 bidders. Supply of access equipment completed.

A Tender for 2.4 Million NGN core, 5 Million POTS (Plain Old Telephone System) and 2 Million ADSL2+ports has been finalized and is being implemented by BSNL.
