

BSNL hikes FMC of few Broadband Plans by Rs 25 to Rs 350, effective 1-March-14

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Exactly after one year of hike in broadband tariff for customers of Karnataka and Tamilnadu telecom circles, Country's major Landline broadband service provider, BSNL announced today to hike fixed monthly charges (FMC) of few more broadband plans from the billing cycle starting from 1-March-2014 for all the customers across the country.

The revised FMCs of Broadband plans are shown in below picture. Payments for annual plan are also revised in proportions.

Existing					Revised				
Plan Name	FMC (Rs.)	Annual Payment option (Rs.) [11*FMC]	Two Years Payment option (Rs.) [21*FMC]	Three Years Payment option (Rs.) [30*FMC]	Plan Name	FMC (Rs.)	Annual Payment option (Rs.) [11*FMC]	Two Years Payment option (Rs.) [21*FMC]	Three Years Payment option (Rs.) [30*FMC]
BBG 250#	250	2750	5250	7500	BBG 275	275	3025	5775	8250
BBG FN Combo 600	600	6600	12600	18000	BBG FN Combo 630	630	6930	13230	18900
BBG Speed Combo 2799	2799	30789	58779	83970	BBG Speed Combo 2949	2949	32439	61929	88470
BBG Super Speed Combo 3699 VDSL	3699	40689	77679	110970	BBG Super Speed Combo 3899 VDSL	3899	42889	81879	116970
BBG Super Speed Combo 4999	4999	54989	104979	149970	BBG Super Speed Combo 5249	5249	57739	110229	157470
BBG Super Speed Combo 6999	6999	76989	146979	209970	BBG Super Speed Combo 7349	7349	80839	154329	220470
BB PCO 400	400	4400	8400	12000	BB PCO 425	425	4675	8925	12750

In Tamilnadu and Karnataka circles, the FMC of BBG 250 plan has already been revised.

- Existing Broadband customers, who are already under Annual/Two year/three year payment option before revision in tariff, they may not be charged the revised tariff till the expiry of their current Annual/Two year/three year subscription.

The BBG 250 is the basic broadband plan (**Rs.275+ Landline rent**) which lets users to avail internet at speed up to 2 Mbps, the free data usage limit is 1GB only and after this, additional data are being charged @30p/MB up to 5GB and then @15p/MB (BSNL's 3G data plan is more economical which allow user to use 1GB for just Rs 125 only)

BBG FN Combo 600 offers download speed up to 2Mbps and allows user max free data of 2.5GB data but additional data will be charged @30p/MB up to 5GB and thereafter @15p/MB. It also offers 250 calls free.

BBG Speed Combo 2799 plan offers download speed up to 8Mbps and here free data usage limit is 60GB per month. Additional data usage are charged @15p/MB. It offers 500 calls free.

The BBG Super Speed Combo 3699 VDSL plan allows users to use the internet at 10 Mbps download speed and 4Mbps upload speed. The plan has cap at 100GB after which additional data are being charged @15p/MB.

BBG Super Speed Combo 4999 and 6999 plans offers max free data usage 125GB and 250GB at download speed up to 16Mbps and 24Mbps respectively. Additional data will be charged @15p/MB.

BB PCO 400 is exclusively is for PCO owners and plan offers 4GB free data usage at speed up to 2Mbps but additional data will be charged @20p/MB

Note:All the Combo plan includes Llandline Rent i.e.Rent for landline phone is Nil.

For more details check below link

<http://bsnl-tamil.ucoz.com/notice/bbmulnotapr13.htm>

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Centre may raise age of retirement by 2 years to 62

General elections' dates may be notified on March 5

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The [Congress](#)-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) is likely to take a major decision of increasing the [retirement](#) age of [Central government employees](#) by two years, from 60 to 62 this week. This would be applicable from March 1.

It would be one of the major decisions to be taken by the Cabinet before the model code of conduct for the [general elections](#) kicks in. In the Thursday meeting, the Cabinet is also likely to recommend dates for the elections. These could be notified on March 5.

"The government may clear the increase in age this week," said a source. It is likely to be a part of the terms of reference of the [Seventh Pay Commission](#), expected to file its report in 2017. The panel, however, can recommend an interim relief through the move.

The increase in retirement age would be happening after 15 years. In 1998, it was increased to 60 from 58 following implementation of the Fifth Pay Commission. Experts said it would defer payment of retirement benefits. However, sources confirmed this would not be applicable for employees retiring on February 28.

The cabinet is expected to discuss a proposal to increase the dearness allowance by 10 per cent from January 1, to make it 100 per cent and merge 50 per cent of the increased dearness allowance with basic pay. The terms and conditions of the panel include a proposal to merge 50 per cent of dearness allowance with basic pay.

The move to increase the retirement age may pressure the states to follow. The department of personnel and training was working on the proposal for quite some time. The Budget estimate on the pension outgo for 2014-15 is Rs 80,982 crore, 0.6 per cent of the gross domestic product.

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BSNL opposes Trai's suggestion to take back CDMA spectrum

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The government may not find any takers for the 800 MHz band of spectrum at the floor price recommended by the telecom industry regulator.

KOLKATA: Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) will soon ask the telecom department to dismiss the sector regulator's proposal calling on the telecom operator to return the bulk of its CDMA spectrum in the 800 MHz band, a director of the state-run company said.

In its pre-auction recommendations on the pricing CDMA spectrum last week, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) has suggested that BSNL return half of its current 800 MHz spectrum holdings in most circles to help the government carve out a contiguous block of pan-India CDMA spectrum before the airwaves sale.

It has recommended that BSNL be allowed to keep only one carrier (1.25 MHz) in all service areas with the exception of Assam, Northeast and Jammu and Kashmir where it could retain its current CDMA spectrum holdings of 2.5 MHz each. It has also recommended the government to take back 800 MHz spectrum held by the other state-run operator, Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd.

At present, BSNL has 2.5 MHz of CDMA airwaves in 19 circles and 3.75 MHz in Kerala. MNTL is the state-run telecom operator in the remaining two circles — Delhi and Mumbai. The sector regulator has justified its suggestion citing a steady fall in BSNL's CDMA subscriber base.

"BSNL may be permitted to retain only a single carrier (of 1.25 MHz) in the 800 MHz band to cater to rural customers," it said.

BSNL said Trai's proposal, if accepted by the department, would force the loss-making company to spend an additional Rs 300 crore on migrating the bulk of its 10 million-plus CDMA customers to inferior frequencies, in turn, compromising service quality.

"BSNL has invested nearly Rs 600 crore in a countrywide CDMA network after it was allotted the 800 MHz spectrum by the government. If we are now asked to return this spectrum, not only will our investments go waste, we will be compelled to spend an extra Rs 250-300 crore to re-engineer our networks and move majority of our CDMA customers to lower-grade spectrum," the BSNL director told ET.

This official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said: "BSNL would shortly seek the telecom department's intervention to counter Trai's proposal as the efficient 800 MHz spectrum holdings can be used for 4G deployments in future." MTNL too had voiced similar concerns on Trai's proposal as it had invested more than Rs 100 crore in its CDMA networks in Mumbai and Delhi.

MTNL has ruled out returning its CDMA spectrum as it wants to use it for either offering 4G services using longterm evolution technology or opening up a new revenue stream by sharing it with other operators.

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Cabinet may discuss Rs 7,500 cr notional loan waiver of BSNL

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New Delhi: The Union Cabinet is likely to take a call on waiver of notional loan on BSNL estimated to be around Rs 7,500 crore in its next meeting on February 28.

"Cabinet may take up notional loan waiver matter of BSNL on February 28. With interest and other charges, it is estimated to be around Rs 7,500 crore," a source said.

Since the time of corporatisation of BSNL in October 2000, a 15-year notional loan has been showing in the financial books of loss making state-run telecom firm.

The loan is being discharged at the rate of 14.5 percent and penal interest of 2.75 percent over and above normal rate interest rate.

An amount of about Rs 983 crore as principal remains outstanding against BSNL on which the interest is charged by government.

BSNL has been logging losses since 2009-10. The company's profits had started declining after 2004-05, when it had made net gains of Rs 10,183 crore.

The public sector firm had posted a loss of about Rs 7,784 crore in financial year 2012-13. Government has constituted Group of Ministers, headed by P Chidambaram, to revive loss making telecom firms BSNL and MTNL. The proposal of notional loan waiver is part of various recommendations made by the GoM to Cabinet for BSNL.

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