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Telecom Commission approves Intra Circle Nationwide Pan-India Mobile Number Portability

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Finally the much awaited intra circle Pan India nationwide mobile number portability will be a reality soon **but how soon we will have to wait and watch**. So Once Intra circle nationwide “One circle one nation wide MNP” comes into effect one can use the same number in various circle with no roaming charges as intra circle nationwide portability will allow customers to port from one state to another without any roaming charges. Say for example if the number belong to Kerala and you get transferred to Tamilnadu you can use the Kerala number in Tamilnadu with your preferred operator with no roaming charges .

Presently, Mobile Number Portability (MNP) is available only within the circle and if anyone wants to change mobile operator, they must choose between only those operators which are present in his telecom circle which saw huge response in the initial days when it was launched and still people prefer it if a user is not happy with its existing operator .

Earlier TRAI also made it clear that once ‘[Full MNP](#)’ is in place, mobile **customers should be educated to dial numbers in the ‘+91 format**, so that the all calls get connected across the country without any trouble.

When the regulators approved circle wise MNP it nearly took more than 2 years for operators to get it implemented and we can hope Nation wide one nation one number portability sees no delay, what you think about this move from Telecom Commission will Intra circle roaming will bring more competition among operators ?

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Revenue from telecom services rises to Rs 57,378 crore in January-March



(Mobile phone service providers...)

NEW DELHI: The gross revenue of telecom service companies increased 5.7 per cent to Rs 57,378 crore in the last quarter of 2013-14 from a year earlier, according to data from the telecom regulator [TRAI](#).

The gross revenue of telecom service providers was Rs 54,283.78 crore in the same period a year ago.

[Mobile phone service providers](#) alone jointly reported gross revenue of Rs 55,164.18 crore. The rest came from companies holding single licenses for services such as [Internet](#) and [long-distance calls](#).

The highest gross revenue was reported by [Bharti Airtel](#) at Rs 17,226 crore, followed by [Vodafone India](#) at Rs 8,630.44 crore, [Idea Cellular](#) Rs 8,232.5 crore, **BSNL Rs 7,564.32 crore**, [Reliance Communications](#) Rs 4,197.6 crore, [Tata Teleservices](#) Rs 3,348.21 crore, Aircel Rs 3,041.83 crore, [MTNL](#) Rs 1,052 crore and Uninor Rs 1,049.57 crore.

[Videocon](#) Telecom's gross revenue stood at Rs 378.43 crore, [Sistema](#) Shyam at Rs 318.66 crore and [Loop Mobile](#) Rs 121.99 crore.

The adjusted gross revenue during the quarter, based on which the government gets paid license fees and spectrum charges, increased by about 10 per cent to Rs 38,842.8 crore from Rs 35,279.5 crore recorded by the [Telecom Regulatory Authority of India](#) in the corresponding period of 2012-13.

Adjusted gross revenue is calculated after deducting income from non-telecom activities such as rentals and certain charges paid to other telecom operators. Telecom service providers jointly

paid license fees of Rs 3,110.71 crore, which is about 9 per cent higher than a year earlier. Spectrum charges paid to the government increased by about 8 per cent to Rs 1,442.94 crore in the period.

Airtel paid Rs 1,444.55 crore toward both licence fees and spectrum charges. Vodafone contributed Rs 736.36 crore and Idea Cellular Rs 733.78 crore. **BSNL paid Rs 542.72 crore**, RCom Rs 297.54 crore, Tata Teleservices Rs 253.32 crore and Aircel Rs 227.76 crore.

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BSNL, Power Grid join hands to improve connectivity in North East Region



Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has signed an agreement with Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL) on 3rd June 2014, **to improve the telecommunications connectivity to the States of North East Region including Sikkim**. The agreement was signed at Bharat Sanchar Bhawan, Janpath, New Delhi, in the presence of Sh. A. N. Rai, Director, BSNL Board and Sh. Ashwani Jain, COO (Telecom), PGCIL. The agreement envisages provisioning of bandwidth on **optical fibre media laid over the high tension electric transmission network of PGCIL. Total 34 links comprising of multiple 10 Gbps capacity telecom circuits will be commissioned. This will provide redundancy to existing network of BSNL which comprises of Optical Fibre media laid underground along National / State Highways**. The agreement will be effective for a period of 10 years.

Total bandwidth capacity to be provided as part of the said agreement will be 810 Gbps, covering 20 important locations in NE Region including Sikkim. To provide the bandwidth, PGCIL and BSNL will deploy high capacity DWDM telecom equipments in their respective telecom network. These telecom links will become operational in next 12 to 18 months time period. **After completion of the proposed connectivity, the reliability of telecom services of North East Region including Sikkim will improve substantively, which will result in improved Broadband Internet services and other telecom services being provided by BSNL to the Citizens of North East Region and Government Agencies.**