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that the launch of STV 786 under prepaid mobile services in Tamil Nadu LSA (including Chennai Telecom District) through **C Top up** only for 90 days **with effect from 24.07.2014 to 21.10.2014**. The details are given below:-

MRP of STV in Rs. (incl. of S.Tax)	Promotional Offer
786	Full Talk value equal to MRP i.e. Rs.786 &Free Local/National SMS –Any Network-786 Nos. with 30 days validity.
Applicable to	All Prepaid Plans

The promotional offer is	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Full usage Value equal to MRP on Top-up Voucher/C-TOP-UP/Flexi-TOP-UP with MRP of Rs. 200 to Rs.990.2. 10% Extra usage Value on MRP of Top-up Voucher/C TOP-UP/Flexi TOP-UP with MRP of Rs. 1000 to Rs.2990.
Period of Offer	25.07.2014 to 22.10.2014

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BSNL refuses to provide fiber resources for e-services project

25 July 2014



State-run telco Bharat Sanchar Nigam (BSNL) has refused to lease its unused fiber resources for Rs 30,000-crore government's e-services telecom project.

According to media reports, the proposed government-to-citizen community e-services project depends heavily on BSNL's infrastructure, especially its dark fiber resources, but BSNL has expressed its inability to lease the dark fiber.

The telco has informed Bharat Broadband Networks (BBNL) about it. BBNL has been mandated to deliver e-services such as e-health, e-education, e-governance to e-commerce transactions across 2.5 lakh gram panchayats.

"DoT insiders familiar with the matter have said that the telco is averse to leasing its unused fiber on grounds that it needs spare bandwidth for ensuring uninterrupted telecom coverage in remote areas and for its own network expansion needs," media reports said.

It's an obstacle for government's Rs 30,000 crore telecom project. The Department of Telecom (DoT) was preparing to seek Cabinet approval for implementing the e-services project.

The telecom department is eager to implement the e-services project as it wants to create a rural broadband ecosystem by leveraging the NOFN backbone.

The Rs 21,000-crore NOFN backbone is the telecom ministry's most ambitious venture for taking high-speed internet to rural India.

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BSNL to mop up Rs 6k cr via leasing towers

25 July 2014



In order to upgrade its landline, mobile and broadband network, PSU telco Bharat Sanchar Nigam (BSNL) is planning to raise nearly Rs 6,000 crore by sharing/leasing its 73,000 mobile towers.

BSNL is also targeting to increase cashflows and expecting 45% revenue growth over the next five years, according to an internal presentation to the Department of Telecom.

"Utilisation of BSNL's land assets can immediately generate over Rs 4,000 crore and projected revenue from sharing and leasing of its passive infrastructure like towers can garner another Rs 1,600 crore," the document said.

The loss-making telco is in dire need of money to upgrade its landline network. It is losing 1.4 lakh wireline customers every month. Over the past decade, its landline customer base dropped by 40% to 181.8 lakh.

Leasing of its telecom factories and training facilities is likely to garner in excess of Rs 200 crore over the next two years. BSNL's fund raising exercise is part of its strategy to invest Rs 39,468 crore as capex over the next five years to upgrade its countrywide landline, mobile and broadband networks.

The company's market share dropped to 10.95 % as on May 2014, from 14.87 % in March 2009.

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BSNL, MTNL to add 28,300 mobile sites: Telecom Minister

22 July 2014



Telecom Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad

Telecom minister Ravi Shankar Prasad has said that loss-making PSU telcos BSNL and MTNL are adding 28,300 new mobile sites in order to increase their capacity and coverage of mobile services.

"To improve coverage and data speed, BSNL is augmenting its network by adding IP based 10,502 new Node Bs (3G antenna) and 14,263 base transceiver stations (generally for 2G) in the network as part of phase 7 expansion plan," the minister said in a written reply to Lok Sabha.

"MTNL is augmenting network by adding 1,080 Node-Bs and 800 BTSs in Delhi and 1,080 Node-Bs and 566 BTSs in Mumbai," he added.

Both the telcos are strengthening their network in order to enhance 3G download speed by about six times.

"BSNL and MTNL are also upgrading their existing high speed downlink packet access 3G network supporting download speed of 3.6 Mbps and upload speed of 384 Kbps to support high speed packet access with download speed of 21.1

Mbps and upload speed of 5.76 Mbps per sector in each node-B," he said.

Earlier, the government had said that it will invest Rs 39,458 crore in BSNL and MTNL.

"The financially-stressed public sector telecom companies that together have a debt of Rs 21,208 crore as of June-end, face declining revenue due to loss of market share, increasing expenditure and inability to invest in network expansion," Prasad had said.

The government is quite serious to improve the health of the two bodies.

BSNL's debts rose to Rs 6,448 crore in June 2014, as against Rs 3,335 crore in March 2012, while MTNL's debts have gone up to Rs 14,760 crore at the end of last month from Rs 9,648 crore in March 2012.

- See more at: <http://www.voicendata.com/voice-data/news/217970/bsnl-mtnl-add-300-mobile-sites-telecom-minister#sthash.bMov5MDr.dpuf>

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**Revised BSNL ISD Tariff for
CHAD, ITALY, IVORY COAST, KAZAKHSTAN & MALAWI FROM
01.08.14,**

decided by the Competent Authority to revise the ISD tariff for Landline PCOs / FLPP PCOs / WLL (Fixed) PCOs / VPT (Fixed) PCOs from BSNL Network to certain high cost destinations for 5 (Five) countries namely Chad, Italy, Ivory Coast, Kazakhstan and Malawi as follows:

S. No.	Destination / Country name	Country code	Area code	Existing rates of landline in (Rs./ min.)	Revised rates of landline in (Rs./ min.)	Revised pulse duration for ISD PCOs (in seconds)
1	Chad	235	Remaining area codes other than 9	20	25	1.5
2	Italy	39	All	8	10	3.9
3	Ivory Coast	225	All	22	28	1.4
4	Kazakhstan	7	701, 702, 705, 71, 72, 73, 75, 76, 77	12	15	2.6
5	Malawi	265	All	15	20	1.9

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RAJYA SABHA QUESTION &

ANSWERED ABOUT Merger of loss making MTNL with BSNL ON 18.07.2014

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:-

- Whether it is a fact that both MTNL and BSNL are making losses;
- If so, the profit/loss status of these PSUs during the last three years;
- Whether there is any proposal for merger of these two PSUs, if so, the details thereof;
- Whether views of workers' unions of these PSUs are also taken into consideration to obviate any financial loss to them; and
- Whether the merger envisages profits to these companies?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & LAW AND

JUSTICE

(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited have been making losses. Details of their profit/losses during the last three years are given below: (In Rs. Crores)

Year BSNL MTNL

2011-12 (-) 8,851 (-) 4110

2012-13 (-) 7,884 (-) 5321

2013-14 (-) 7,085 * 7825**

* Un audited and provisional

** MTNL has shown a profit of Rs. 7825 crore mainly due to write back of provisions on account of pensionary liabilities and spectrum amortization costs after decisions of Government taken for revival of MTNL.


(c) to (e) Government is in the process of revival and revitalization of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) through various short term, medium term and long term measures.

The long-term measures, including merger of BSNL and MTNL, would attempt to position these PSUs to emerge as market leaders in the converged telecommunication market.

For an in-depth study on the implications of merger of the two PSUs, three groups have been constituted to study issues of human resources integration, technology integration and corporate integration.

Views of unions on merger would be taken into consideration before a decision is taken in best public interest and that of two companies.

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New STD STVs		
S.No.	MRP of STV (Inclusive of Service Tax)	Details
1.	16	All STD voice calls @ Rs. 1.3/3 Minutes with validity of 30 days
2.	42	All STD voice calls @ Rs. 0.40/Minute with validity of 30 days
3.	84	All STD voice calls @ Rs. 0.35/Minute with validity of 84 days

All these STD STVs will be available from 1-8-2014 in all telecom circles across the country.

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BSNL announced new Offers on Combo TOPUP & Roam Free Vouchers

MRP of STV/Combo Voucher	TARIFF
Rs.33	Roam Free STV with Unlimited Free Incoming in Roaming for 7 days & Outgoing Local/STD @ 1.5Ps/Seconds
Rs.555	Rs.470 + 280 Minutes Free for Own Network(On-net)

This newly relaunched valuable offers on Combo TOPUP 555 & Roam Free Voucher STV-33 has been applicable for all [BSNL Prepaid Mobile Users](#) and is available for a period of 90 days as a promotional offer from 21st July 2014 to 18th September 2014.

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In earlier BSNL introduced 4 types of [Combo TOPUP Vouchers](#)(111, 222, 333, 555) as a promotional offer. On huge response from BSNL mobile customers for these combo TOPUP Vouchers, now BSNL regularized 111, 222, 333, dual benefit(talk value + free minutes) prepaid combo top up vouchers by allowing higher validity 20/40/60 days with more Free usage talkvalue and Free minutes.

BSNL New Combo TOP-UP Vouchers for 2G/3G Prepaid Mobile Customers

MRP of Combo TOP UP Voucher in Rs. with S.Tax	Free Usage Value in Rs.	Own Network (On net) Free calls in Minutes	Validity in Days
111	90	70	20
222	190	110	40
333	280	180	60

Note:- The Free On-Net call deduction in account will be on minute basis for subscribers who have minute tariff and will be on second basis for subscribers who have second pulse tariff.

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BSNL to Introduce Unlimited Data Plan & Whatsapp, Facebook, Twitter Packs in South Zone

July 24, 2014

BSNL will be launching its unlimited data add on plans and social add on packs for south zone. It may be noted that data add-on packs and social packs were always offered by private operators like Airtel, Uninor, Reliance and Tata Docomo previously BSNL has already launched these packs for north zone sometime back.

BSNL Whatsapp add on pack :

BSNL Whatsapp packs will be available in the market starting August 1st. The whatsapp pack will cost Rs 30 which will offer free usage of 200 MB , the free data can only be used for whatsapp whereas data charges after free usage will be 1p/10KB. Data charges beyond free usage will be deducted from the main account.

BSNL Facebook & Twitter Add-on Pack:

This pack will cost Rs 40 for 250 MB the free data can be used for facebook, facebook messenger and twitter only. Data Charges after free usage will be 1p/10KB.

Monthly Charge in Rs.(Service Tax)	Total bundled free Usage in MB	Data Charges after free usage***	Data Charges after free usage (For APN bsnlstream) *** in Rs./MB	Remarks
40	250MB	1p/10KB	0.25	Free data can be used for 'Facebook , Facebook Messenger & Twitter' only
30	200MB	1p/10KB	0.25	Free data can be used for 'Whatsapp' only

The above mentioned plans are only valid for postpaid customers only.

BSNL Unlimited Data Add-on Plans:

BSNL will also launch unlimited add-on data packs for postpaid customers at Rs 240 and Rs 340 which will offer unlimited data up to 1GB and 2GB after that the speed will be reduced to 80Kbps.

Plan Name	Fixed Monthly Charge in Rs. (excl. of S. Tax)	Free Usage	Additional Tariff Details
Add-On Data Pack	240	Unlimited	Speed 80Kbps after 1GB
Add-On Data Pack	340	Unlimited	Speed 80Kbps after 2GB

BSNL Unlimited Data Packs will be available in the market starting August 1st.