

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.471
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND December, 2015**

LANDLINE BROADBAND SERVICES

471. SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

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

- (a) whether Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited is providing a minimum 2 Mbps speed to its landline broadband users at no extra cost;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the said move has triggered or may trigger a drop in data tariffs for higher speed by private telecom operators;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the BSNL is also considering to come out with more sops for its customers after the success of free roaming and free night call on landlines; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)**

(a) &(b) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has upgraded the bandwidth under all ADSL (Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line) Broadband plans of 512 kbps & 1 Mbps to 2 Mbps with Fair Usage Policy (FUP) w.e.f. 1.10.2015 without any additional cost to the customers.

(c) &(d) No such specific consequent action by private telecom operators has come to notice.

(e) &(f) BSNL, being a commercial organization, introduces appropriate schemes within the regulatory provisions from time to time for the benefits of its customers and to increase its market share.
