

Ministry of Communications



Union Minister Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia: BSNL Offers Global Satellite Phone Service to Public and Enterprises Since 2018

GSPS Provides Encrypted Voice and SMS Services Under DoT Guidelines

Government Mandates Customer Verification and Usage Disclosure for Satellite Phone Services

DoT Prescribes Customer Acquisition and Usage Disclosure Norms for GSPS

Satellite Phone Subscribers Required to Declare Purpose, Place and Period of Use

DoT Safeguards Secure and Accountable Use of Satellite-Based Communication

Tariff Plans for Global Satellite Phone Services Notified; TRAI Regulates Telecom Tariff Framework

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Union Minister of Communications and Development of North Eastern Region Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia today gave the following reply to a question in the Lok Sabha today.

BSNL provides Voice Call and SMS services through Global Satellite Phone Service (GSPS) to General Public and Private Enterprises w.e.f. 01.01.2018.

Department of Telecommunications (DoT) issued the instructions vide letter dated 12.06.2017 in respect of provision of Satellite based services, which inter-alia mandated that BSNL is required to complete the Customer Acquisition Process prescribed for mobile connections, as amended from time

to time. BSNL shall also obtain from the subscriber the details such as place of use, period of use and the purpose for which Satellite handset shall be used. Additionally, the GSPS service is inherently a secure communication as information is transferred in encrypted form.

BSNL provides only voice and SMS services through GSPS. The details of Tariff Plan for GSPS are attached as **Annexure-I**.

Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) is an independent authority for regulation of tariff for telecommunication services in India. As per the extant regulatory tariff provisions, tariff for telecommunication service is under forbearance except for services such as National Roaming, Rural Fixed Line Services, mobile number portability charges and leased circuits. 'Nil' tariff has been prescribed for Unstructured Supplementary Service Data (USSD) services to promote financial inclusion etc. among rural unbanked feature phone users.

Annexure-I

Tariff Plan for Global Satellite Phone Services (w.e.f. 01.01.2026)

A. Post-paid Plans

		Government		Commercial
		Plan G1	Plan G2	Plan C1
1	Fixed Monthly Charges (₹)	3,500	5,835	11,670
2	Free Talk Time (in minutes) or SMS	16	30	60

B. Pre-Paid Plans

		Government		Commercial	
		Plan G1 (Monthly)	Plan GA (Annual)	Plan C1 (Monthly)	Plan CA (Annual)
1	Plan charges (₹)	3,500	38,500	5,835	64,185
2	Free Talk Time (in minutes) or SMS	20	240	30	360

C. After the free talk time and SMS are over than additional Call/SMS charges are required to be paid by the subscribers at the rate of

· ₹ 18 /min/SMS for Government customers.

- ₹ 25 /min/SMS for Commercial customers.

D. Additional Recharges/Top-ups for pre-paid plans are available in denominations of (₹) 200/500/1000/5000/10000.

(*All charges above are excluding GST)

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