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ABSTRACT

Indian telecom industry is growing at a high pace primarily because of the explosive growth witnessed by the wireless segment. At the end of 2003, the total telephone subscriber base in India was around 70.5 million (with a tele density of 7.0) out of which mobile phone subscriber base was 28.2 million and fixed line subscriber base was 42.0 million. The number of telephone subscriber base in India has reached 861.48 million at the end of April 2011 with one overall teledensity of 72.08. It comprises of wire line subscription of 34.55 million and wireless subscription (GSM, CDMA and FWP) of 826.93 million. However, despite this explosive growth in the segment, there is little research published in major academic journals in India about mobile phone usage behavior of Indian customers especially in 3G mobile phone services. Research gap exists in particular in terms of customer adoption of 3G phone services in India. Hence, a study pertaining to customer adoption of BSNL 3G Phone services, one of the early entrants in the category in India, may be quite useful.

KEYWORDS

Telecom Industry, Customer Satisfaction, 3G Services.

INTRODUCTION - BSNL 3G MOBILE SERVICES

SNL 3G Mobile Phone services was launched in February 2009 in India. BSNL is offering its 3G service (next generation of mobile communications systems) facilities like video call facility, mobile broadband and mobile TV content available on BSNL 3G portal among others. As of July 31, 2010, BSNL had 3G services in more than 450 cities with customer base of 1.5 million. Customer satisfaction, a business term is a measure of how products and services supplied by a company meet or surpass customer expectation. It is seen as a key performance indicator within business and is part of the four of a balanced scorecard. Increasing competition (whether for-profit or nonprofit) is forcing businesses to pay much more attention to satisfying customers. In a competitive market place where businesses compete for customers, customer satisfaction is seen as a key differentiator and increasingly has become a key element of business strategy.

CONSUMER INNOVATIVENESS

The reason why an in depth understanding of consumer innovativeness is imperative is because innovation is one of he most important issues in business research today and it provides an important basis by which world economies compete in the global marketplace. It is very important to understand how consumer innovativeness may influence adoption of relatively newer product categories.

Consumer innovativeness has been extensively researched in marketing and associated fields. Hirschman (1980) has suggested, "Few concepts in the behavioral sciences have as much immediate relevance to consumer behaviour as innovativeness.

SCOPE OF RESEARCH

This survey attempts to provide a few pointers to marketers for tapping upmarket audience in India with niche technology products like BSNL's 3G service. There is a need to have some understanding about the ownership of related consumer electronics products and the source of information of the products among the respondents. It has also attempted to derive an understanding the overall satisfaction that consumers derive from such products.

OBJECTIVES OF RESEARCH

Hence, the objectives of the overall study have been to derive a comparative understanding between consumer innovators and non-innovators in terms of

- The ownership details of select consumer electronics products.
- The sources of information for latest technology products and services.
- The presence or absence of satisfaction pertaining to BSNL's 3G service.

For writing this paper, primary data was collected from 200 respondents through a close ended questionnaire. These respondents are the users of BSNL mobile services.

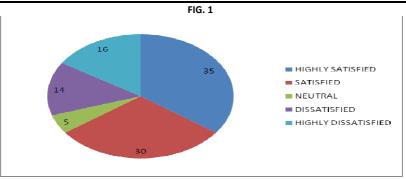
The same were analyzed with the help of graphs and the analysis and interpretations are as follows

ANALYSIS

1) How satisfied are you with the quality of service of BSNL?

TABLE - 1

OPINION POOL	NO OF RESPONDENTS	PERCENTAGE
HIGHLY SATISFIED	70	35.0
SATISFIED	60	30.0
NEUTRAL	10	5.0
DISSATISFIED	28	14.0
HIGHLY DISSATISIFIED	32	16.0
TOTAL	200	100.00



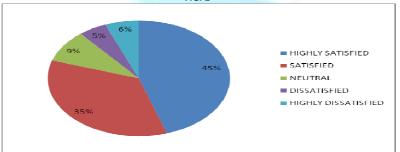
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2) How satisfied are you with the connectivity of BSNL?

TABLE - 2

OPINION POOL	NO OF RESPONDENTS	PERCENTAGE
HIGHLY SATISFIED	70	35.0
SATISFIED	60	30.0
NEUTRAL	10	5.0
DISSATISFIED	28	14.0
HIGHLY DISSATISIFIED	32	16.0
TOTAL	200	100.00





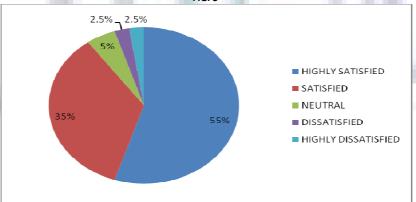
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3) How satisfied are you with the Billing of BSNL?

TABLE - 3

OPINION POOL	NO OF RESPONDENTS	PERCENTAGE
HIGHLY SATISFIED	110	55.0
SATISFIED	70	35.0
NEUTRAL	10	5.0
DISSATISFIED	5	2.5
HIGHLY DISSATISIFIED	5	2.5
TOTAL	200	100.00

FIG. 3

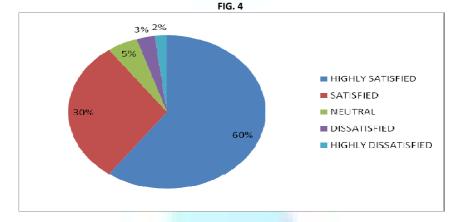


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4) How satisfied are you with the Handset of BSNL?

TABLE - 4

TABLE 4			
OPINION POO	L	NO OF RESPONDENTS	PERCENTAGE
HIGHLY SATISF	IED	120	60.0
SATISFIED		60	30.0
NEUTRAL		10	5.0
DISSATISFIED		6	3.0
HIGHLY DISSAT	ISIFIED	4	2.0
TOTAL		200	100.00



From the above table, it shows that 60.0 percentage of the respondents that the handset of B.S.N.L is highly satisfied, 30.0 percentage of the respondents that the handset of B.S.N.L is neutral, 3 percentage of the respondents that the handset of B.S.N.L is dissatisfied, 2.0 percentage of the respondents that the handset of B.S.N.L is highly dissatisfied. We can conclude that majority were opinioned that, the handset of B.S.N.L is highly satisfied

FINDINGS

- 1. A majority of respondents (35.0%) where —Highly Satisfied with the quality of service of B.S.N.L
- 2. A majority of respondents (45.0%) where —Highly Satisfied with the Connectivity of B.S.N.L
- 3. A majority of respondents (55.0%) where —Highly Satisfied with the billing system of B.S.N.L
- 4. A good majority of respondents (60.0%) where —Highly Satisfied with the handset of B.S.N.L

SUGGESTIONS

- 1. BSNL may provide the customers attractive instrument with new wiring connections.
- 2. BSNL may also introduce some sales promotion such as cash discounts; and other offers in their promotional activities which would help to further strengthen the market share of the Company.
- 3. BSNL may reduce the monthly rentals and introduce quarterly rentals

How long have you used the services of that Company?

4. Customer care of BSNL needs improvement with respect to the call handling management.

CONCLUSION

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BSNL being a public sector, in order to thrive and excel, I had understood about the customer's expectations. I also understood about their competitors and their nuances in understanding their customers. Since communication industry is very competitive one it is high time for BSNL to understand about their customers in landline as well as Mobile services

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	a) Less than one month	b) 1 to 6 months	c) 6 to 1 year	d) 1 to 3 years
7. Overall how satisfied are you with network services of your Company?				
	a) very satisfied	b) satisfied	c) Neutral	d) Dissatisfied
8. How would you rate the services value for money?				
	a) Excellent	b) good	c) Fair	d) Poor
9. What kind of problems occurs the most for which need to control Customer Care Service Department of			tment of your service provider?	
	a) Billing related	b) Activation related	c) Information about VAS	d) Network problem
10. In thinking about your most recent experience with that company how much satisfied are you with the Custome				vith the Customer Care Service.
	a) very satisfied	b) Satisfied	c) Neutral	d) Dissatisfied
11. How satisfied are you with the process of getting your queries resolved?				
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