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Nelco to start in-flight data connectivity service by Jan

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Tata group company Nelco on Thursday said it expects to roll out in-flight data connectivity services by January but did not divulge the airlines it would partner with for the offering.

The company had, earlier this year, obtained a licence from the Department of Telecommunications for providing in-flight and maritime connectivity (IFMC) services.

Nelco said it hopes to roll out in-flight services in the next one-and-a-half months but refused to comment on tariffs saying the modalities are being fine-tuned. "We are hoping to start in-flight connectivity services around January timeframe. We will start with data services," Nelco Managing Director and CEO P J Nath said on the sidelines of India SatCom 2019 organised by Broadband India Forum here. Nath refused to divulge the names of the airlines that the company is in discussions with, saying, "I cannot comment on that now..We will have partnerships with multiple airlines but it will unfold as we go along".