

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3390

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DISINVESTMENT OF SHARES OF VSNL AND MTNL

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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 69 dated July 24, 2000 regarding disinvestment in VSNL and MTNL and state :

(a) whether the Government have taken a final decision in regard to disinvestments of the shares of VSNL and MTNL:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Department of Telecom Services is strongly resisting the Disinvestment Department's move to bring down Government equity in telecom public sector undertaking; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (d): No final decision has been taken regarding further disinvestment of the shares of VSNL and MTNL at this stage.