

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1402  
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REVIEW OF MERGER OF BSNL AND MTNL  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have been considering to review the merger of BSNL and MTNL;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the disinvestment of MTNL is also on the cards; and
- (d) if so, by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SRI MATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

- (a) & (b) Sir, an internal study is being done to determine the best arrangement including merger, for maximizing the synergy in operations between MTNL & BSNL and enhance value for all stakeholders. The study has been exploratory in nature and no decision has been taken so far.
- (c) & (d) Disinvestment Commission has been furnished information about MTNL. No decision has been taken in regard to disinvestments of MTNL and no target date has been fixed.