

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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AMOUNT OF RENT PAID BY MTNL/ BSNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount of rent incurred on office and residential buildings by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) during the last three years and thereafter till-date, State-wise and Year-wise;
- (b) the details of the buildings taken on rent/owned by the officials of MTNL/BSNL;
- (c) whether a decision was taken to vacate the buildings taken on rent as per the agreement signed by the recognised union in the MTNL;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof and the saving of the Nigam, year-wise;
- (e) whether serious irregularities have taken place particularly in taking the buildings on rent and vacating them in Delhi and again taking the same building on rent such as DTO, Telegraph Office, Nehru Place by the MTNL and BSNL;
- (f) whether the Government proposes to take concrete action the whole episode; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b). The information in respect of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is given in Annexure-I and II. The amount of rent incurred on office and residential buildings by MTNL, during the last three years is given below:

(Rs. in Crores)

Year	Delhi	Mumbai
2004-05	18.95	23.68
2005-06	19.53	20.82
2006-07	15.51	15.90
2007-08	3.31	5.35
	up to June, 2007	up to July, 2007

In MTNL no building has been taken on rent owned by the Officer/Staff of the Nigam or their relatives.

(c) In MTNL buildings taken on rent are vacated progressively to reduce the expenditure.

(d) Few rented buildings in MTNL have been vacated, resulting in substantial savings. The year-wise savings details for the last three years is as below:

(Amount in Rupees)

Year	Delhi	Mumbai
2004-05	74,71,633	-
2005-06	35,70,753	2,86,38,722
2006-07	2,47,88,671	4,92,44,049

(e) No, Sir. The building where DTO, Nehru Place is functioning has not been taken on rent after vacation.

(f) & (g). Do not arise in view of (e) above.