

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
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PILING OF OLD EQUIPMENTS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a huge stock of old equipments, vehicles and obsolete items is piling at various exchanges/offices of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the average price of the said obsolete stores/items; and
- (d) the time by which auction of the obsolete stores/items of both the corporations is likely to take place in the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) to (d) Sir, in BSNL and MTNL any equipment/vehicle is declared unserviceable/obsolete when it exceeds its lifetime or it is not able to meet the new technical features as per the market requirement or the supplier/vendor is not able to meet the maintenance requirements due to technological obsolescence. The disposal of such unserviceable/obsolete items is a continuous process and it is done in a regular manner as per the prescribed guidelines by BSNL and MTNL.