

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

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INCOME THROUGH SELLING OF VACANT LANDS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to generate revenue by selling the vacant plots of land of Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited (VSNL), Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the total area of land of the said companies old/proposed to be sold during the last two years and the current year?

Answer

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

(a) No, Sir. However, in so far as Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited (VSNL) is concerned, a total of 773.13 acres of land which were identified as surplus prior to disinvestment requires disposal as per the provisions of Shareholder's Agreement (SHA) and Share Purchase Agreement (SPA).

(b) & (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.