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INCREASE IN TELECOM REVENUE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether mobile service network in Private Sector has expanded beyond expectation in comparison to the networks of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, whether the revenue of Private Sector mobile companies has increased rapidly in comparison to the revenue of Public Sector Companies; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam.

(c) The number of Private Sector Companies providing mobile services has increased over time. Intense competition has led to significant fall in tariffs which the growth in subscriber base of Public Sector Companies has not been able to compensate.

(d) The Prime Minister had convened a meeting to review the operational and financial parameters of BSNL/MTNL. During the meeting a decision was taken to constitute an expert group/committee to come out with recommendations on the financial and institutional arrangements required for improving the profitability of BSNL. Also, BSNL and MTNL have taken various steps, including provision of value added services, a variety of tariff plans to suit different customers, customer friendly initiatives etc. for increasing their revenues.