

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

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SELECTION OF PRO IN MTNL BSNL  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has laid down any criteria for selection of Public Relation Officer (PRO) in Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to review this criteria; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) Government has not laid down any criteria for selection of Public Relation Officer (PRO) in Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL)/ Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), as both enjoy operational autonomy being Navratna/Miniratna. MTNL and BSNL have their own criteria for selection of Public Relation Officer (PRO). These posts are filled up from among their internal candidates possessing suitable qualifications and experience, subject to vacancies.
- (c) No, Madam.
- (d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.