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DELAY IN TELECOM PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether many Telecom projects are lagging behind their schedule resulting in huge cost overruns;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, public sector unit-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to check delays in completion of the said projects?

Answer

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

- (a) Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL)/ Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) award projects through tenders on turnkey basis due to which there is no escalation in their cost for MTNL/BSNL. In case projects are not completed in time, liquidated damages are levied on vendors for delay.
- (b) The details of time over run in respect of major projects of MTNL/BSNL are given in the Annexure.
- (c) Review meetings are conducted for early resolution of such issues to check delays in completion of the said projects.