

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

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IMPACT OF ADVISOR EV BSNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is functioning without a financial advisor for more than a year due to delay in selection procedure,
- (b) if so, the reasons therefore alongwith its impact on the working of the company;
- (c) whether the Public Enterprises Selection Board had started the process in November 2008 and yet the final appointment is pending;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) 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) to (e): The post of Director (Finance), BSNL, which fell vacant on 21-12-2008, was advertised by Public Enterprises Selection Board (PSEB) on 05-11-2008. That Board, through its communication dated 10-02-2009, recommended Smt. Anita Soni, Director (Finance), Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL), and Shri T R Gandhi, General Manager, MTNL, in order of preference, for appointment to the post. Smt. Anita Soni was, however, found not to fulfill educational qualification prescribed for the post. A proposal recommending appointment of Shri T R Gandhi was not approved by the competent authority. PSEB has advertised the post of Director (Finance), BSNL again on 19-03-2010. Charge of the post of Director (Finance), BSNL was entrusted to Director (HRD), BSNL, in addition to his own charge, upto 20-06-2009. Thereafter, the charge of the post vests in Chairman and Managing Director, BSNL.