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MOBILE NETWORK CAPACITY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to augment the mobile network capacity of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the latest status for procurement of 93 million lines of GSM equipment of BSNL; and
- (d) the time by which the work is likely to be undertaken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. BSNL has planned to augment by 5.5 million Global System for mobile communication (GSM) lines capacity in its network during the year 2010-11.

(c) & (d) In view of the objections made by Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) and further recommendation made by Sam Pitroda Committee constituted to review the position of BSNL, BSNL Board on 21.05.2010 has decided to cancel the tenders for procurement of 93 million lines of GSM equipments under Phase VI Project by the four zones of BSNL.