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UNUSED TELECOM EQUIPMENT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the amount of Rs. 800 crores worth of cable, exchange equipment and other stores for Landline telephone services by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has been lying idle un-used;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the declining trend in the subscriber base Landline telephony and the consumption pattern of stores were evaluated before procuring the material; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) No, Madam. The stocks available in store/field are being utilized as per the requirement.
- (c) The declining trend in the subscriber base Landline telephony and the consumption pattern of stores are being evaluated before procuring materials. Procurement of underground cables and exchange equipment are made only on receipt of requirement from field units for maintenance/development purposes.
- (d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.