

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ALTERNATIVE NETWORK FOR DEFENCE FORCES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is inordinate delay in setting up of alternative network for the armed forces in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has given any suggestions to set up monitoring mechanism for the proposed work in view of delay being done by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL);
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) No, Madam.

(b) Though there is no such delay, Department of Telecommunications has set up a monitoring mechanism by forming a Mission Team, headed by the Chairman & Managing Director (CMD), Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) alongwith Members from Department of Telecommunications and Ministry of Defence to review the progress regularly.

(c) & (d) Do not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.