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SETTING UP OF TELECOM COMMISSION
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Telecom Commission was set up by the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the Composition have been filled;
- (c) whether all the posts in the said Commission have been filled;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; 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 SACHIN PILOT)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The Telecom Commission was set up on 11th April, 1989. The Composition of the Commission is as under:

Secretary, Department of Telecommunications as Ex-officio Chairman and four time Members viz.. Member (Technology), Member (Services), Member (Production) and Member (Finance). In addition, Secretary, Department of Information & Technology; Secretary, Industrial Policy and Promotion; Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance and Member Secretary, Planning Commission are part time Members of the Commission.

(c) to (e) All the post have been filled except that Member (Production). The post of Member (Production) which fell vacant in 2006 was not filled up keeping in view the Corporatisation of Department of Telecom Services (DTS) and Department of Telecom Operations (DTO) into BSNL and part of the work relating to production activities viz.. Telecom Factories having gone to BSNL. Since the post lapsed the matter regarding it revival has been reviewed from time to time. Keeping in view that there has been a major shift in the role of Telecom Commission from the time it was originally constituted in 1989, the Sixth Central Pay Commission recommended reviewing the necessity of continuing with the Telecom Commission. In view thereof the post of Member (Production) has not been revived.