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FUNCTIONING OF BSNL TOWER
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Department of Telecommunications has any policy so that Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)/Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) towers may remain functional within one day;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons behind the frequent non-functioning of BSNL towers in the country especially in Hoshangabad, Raisen, Sagar, Vidisha and Narsinghpur, districts of Madhya Pradesh;
- (c) whether some telecom companies operating in the field of Communication create such problems in the country;
- (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 SACHIN PILOT)

(a) No, Madam. However, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has prescribed for all operators that BTSs (Base Transceiver Stations) accumulated down time (not available for service) should be ? 2% average over a period of one month. BSNL and MTNL are generally meeting this TRAI parameter on BTSs.

(b) Power failure is the major reason behind the frequent non-functioning of BSNL towers in the country including the Hoshangabad, Raisen, Sagar, Vidisha and Narsinghpur, districts of Madhya Pradesh.

To make BSNL towers remain functional, apart from regular maintenance activities, following specific steps have been taken/initiated by BSNL in recent past.

To overcome Power failure, wherever internal resources are inadequate, the telecom circles have been authorized to outsource the activity of diesel filling including its transportation to site, in case it is not possible with own resources.

BSNL has initiated action at selected cell sites for enabling the process of extending and monitoring the BTS infra alarms/status at one central location.

Battery/power plan upgradation work wherever required, has been taken up.

SMS based BTS (Base Transceiver Station) outage escalation has been implemented for automatic reporting of the outage of BTS to the concerned maintenance staff.

(c) No, Madam.

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