

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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SATELLITE PHONE FACILITY TO FISHERMEN
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to provide satellite phone facility to the fishermen in coastal areas especially in the region of Ramanathapuram;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which these are likely to be provided?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Madam, presently there is no proposal to provide satellite phone facility to the fishermen in coastal areas in this Ministry. However, BSNL is providing Satellite Phone facility across the country as Digital Satellite Phone Terminals (DSPT) services as & when demanded.