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CONSTRUCTION OF QUARTERS BY BSNL MTNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) are constructing quarters for their officers and staff;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether the ongoing construction has missed the targeted date of completion;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the estimated cost escalation thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken to ensure timely completion of the construction of the same?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) Yes Madam, the details are as follows:

BSNL:

BSNL is constructing quarters in the Telecom Circles of North East I (14 T-II Staff Quarters at Forest Colony, Shillong), Orissa (3 Type-IV and 1 Type-V Staff quarter at Koraput) and Andaman & Nicobar Islands (3 Type-V and 1 Type-VI at Portblair).

In these places, the target date of completion has been missed. Estimated cost escalation in Orissa Telecom Circle is Rs. 25 lakh. However, there is no cost escalation in the Telecom Circles of North East-I and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

In North East-I circle, work was held due to stoppage by village council which has now been sorted out.

In Orissa the contractor left in between and the balance work has been executed through a fresh agreement.

In Andaman & Nicobar Islands, delay in starting the construction of quarters occurred due to dismantling the old telephone exchange building.

MTNL:

In Delhi, 68 Type-III and 16 Type-II staff quarters are being constructed at Paschim Vihar. The original contracts were to be completed in the year 2008. Estimated cost of the works was Rs. 6.15 crores. The earlier contracts were rescinded and the balance works have been awarded to new agencies. The cost escalation is estimated to be Rs. 1.30 crores.