

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

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CARTELISATION OF TELECOM GEAR
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the employee unions of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) have alleged that the cartelisation of leading telecom gear manufacturers wrecking havoc with BSNL's growth;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Sanchar Nigam Executives' Association (India), one of the associations of BSNL Executives vide letter dated 01.11.2010 addressed to Hon'ble Prime Minister of India has alleged about cartelization of leading telecom gear manufactures wrecking havoc with BSNL growth. The association in its said letter has raised issues regarding non-finalization of tenders for Global Services on Mobile Communications (GSM) equipments in BSNL.

(c) As regards the tendering process of BSNL for purchase of equipments is concerned, timely procurement of equipments is the responsibility of the BSNL and Government does not interfere with the same.