

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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ARMY COMMUNICATION NETWORK

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has shortlisted the companies for development of the Army Communication Network;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the names of the companies;
- (c) whether the shortlisted companies have submitted details Project Report in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred on the project and the time by which the same is likely to be completed?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): An alternate exclusive dedicated OFC based communication network for Defence Services for release of spectrum is being executed by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (BSNL). Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure (CCI) has given a financial approval of Rs.9175.16 crore (Rs.1077.16 crores for Air Force and Rs.8098.00 crores for Army and Navy) for laying of alternate communication network for Defence Services. This project is to be completed by December 2012.