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SHARE OF BSNL IN TELECOM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage share of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in telecom services in the country at present;
- (b) whether the share of BSNL in telecom services is declining;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT)

- (a) Sir,the percentage share of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in telecom services in the country as on 31.5.2009 in respect of Wireline and Wireless is 76.90% and 12.91% respectively.
- (b)&(c) Yes,Sir.Decline in Market share of BSNL in wireline and wireless segment is due to fierce competition with numerous private telecom service providers viz. Bharti, Reliance, Vodafone, Tata and Idea etc.
- (d) During 2009-10, BSNL has planned to provide 16.5 millions telephone connections.With this addition and further improvement in telecom services, BSNL is likely to retain its market share.