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ALLOTMENT OF BWA TO BSNL

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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether BSNL has been allotted non-standardized Broadband Wireless Access (BWA) while private operators have got efficient radio waves to enable them to launch high-speed broadband services;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the private telecom operators can launch both Long Term Evolution (LTE) and WiMax Technology in broadband services whereas the BSNL is deprived of launching the dual technology;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government on the above aspects?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) No, Madam. The spectrum has been assigned to BSNL for Broadband Wireless Access in the frequency band 2.5-2.69 GHz which is internationally identified for IMT applications which inter-alia includes BWA. The spectrum in 2.5-2.69 GHz band allotted for BSNL & in 2.3-2.4 GHz band allotted to private telecom operators have been identified for IMT applications as per Radio Regulations of International Telecommunication Union. Long Term Evolution (LTE) and WiMax Technology can be launched in both the frequency bands (2.5-2.69) GHz and in (2.3-2.4) GHz as per ITU/3GPP standard.

(e) Does not arise in view of (a) to (d) above.