

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3512
ANSWERED ON:24.08.2011
BSNL TENDER
Mahto Shri Baidyanath Prasad

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

- (a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has invited tender for "Procurement, Supply, Trenching, Laying, Installation, Testing and Maintenance of Optical Fibre Cable and accessories for construction of Exclusive Optical NLD Backbone and Optical Access routes on Turnkey basis for Defence Network";
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the specifications of the Optical Fibre Cable have been changed during the evaluation of Tender;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the bid has been finalised; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA)

- (a)&(b) Yes Madam, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) had invited tender for "Procurement, Supply, Trenching, Laying, Installation, Testing and Maintenance of Optical Fibre Cable and accessories for construction of Exclusive Optical NLD Backbone and Optical Access routes on Turnkey basis for Defence Network" for Navy Access Network (3000 kms) in February 2010 and for Army Backbone Network (45000 kms) & Army Access Network (12000 kms) in April 2010. While the estimated cost of OFC was Rs.2000/- crore, the tendered cost came to around Rs.7500 crores.
- (c) MNo Madam.
- (d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.
- (e)&(f) No Madam, BSNL has not finalized the bid as the tendered cost came around Rs.7500 crores as compared to the estimated cost of Rs. 2000 crores.