

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:134
ANSWERED ON:13.07.2009
DELAY IN LAUNCH OF GSM PROJECT
Baal Thiru Thalikkottai Rajuthevar

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

- (a) whether the launch of Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) Project of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has been delayed;
- (b) if so, the reason therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by BSNL for speedy execution of the project?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A RAJA)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 134 FOR 13TH JULY, 2009 REGARDING DELAY IN LAUNCH OF GSM PROJECT.

(a) to (c) Sir, Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) services are being provided by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) since October 2002. The expansion of network capacity is a continuous process depending upon market conditions. At present GSM equipment is being procured under BSNL's GSM Phase-V Project. For additional capacity requirement after 2009, BSNL has invited tenders under GSM Phase-VI Project, which are under consideration.