

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SURRENDER OF SPECTRUM BY BSNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether BSNL has not been able to effectively utilize the spectrum available with it unlike its competitors in the private sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the likely impact of surrender of spectrum by BSNL on various programmes of Government including e-governance initiatives and common service centre?

Answer

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

- (a) BSNL is effectively using GSM & CDMA spectrum in all the LSAs(Licensed Service Areas) allotted by Government. BSNL is also utilizing the BWA spectrum by providing wireless broadband services to Common Services Centres (CSCs)/Village Panchayats as per the Government program.
- (b) & (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.
- (d) In case BSNL's request for surrendering of BWA spectrum in certain LSAs is accepted by Department of Telecom (DoT), BSNL shall provide the CSCs/VPTs (Village Public Telephones) coverage on alternate technologies i.e. ADSL (Asymmetric Digital Subscribe Line) / 3G/ EVDO (Evolution Data Optimized) in those LSAs.