

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

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SHARE OF BSNL /MTNL

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

- (a) whether Bharat Sanachar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) have formed a consortium alongwith the other telecom companies to bid for acquiring Kuwait's telecom major Zain Telecom;
- (b) if so, the current status of the negotiations alongwith the benefits that the two public sector telecom companies are likely to derive therefrom; and
- (c) the total amount involved in the deal alongwith the relative share of BSNL/MTNL and other companies of consortium?

**Answer**

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

(a) No Sir.

(b) & (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.