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GLOBAL SYSTEM FOR MOBILE COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been delay in augmentation of capacity of Global System for Mobile Communication Equipment in Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) which is also a reason for declining market share of the company;
- (b) if so, the present capacity of augmentation in Global System for Mobile Communication in the company; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken to counter the above problems and the improvement achieved as a result thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) During the last few years, there has been some delay in augmentation of capacity of Global System for Mobile Communication (GSM) equipment in Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL). However, the Market share of GSM mobile of BSNL has witnessed downward trend in last few years due to some other reasons also which are as follows:

Entry of new Service Providers with aggressive tariff plans

Aggressive marketing of services by the operators at different points of time.

(c) As on 31.10.2012, BSNL has 7,55,91,678 cellular equipped capacity in its network. BSNL has added 14,62,906 cellular equipped capacity from April 2012 to October 2012 in its network. For further expansion, BSNL has already finalized tender for 14.37 million lines for capacity augmentation of its GSM network and Purchase Orders have been placed.