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BAIL OUT PACKAGE TO BSNL AND MTNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to give Rs.23,000 crore bail-out package for the BSNL and MTNL to bear the one-time spectrum fee and also refund part of 4G airwave costs as they had surrendered this spectrum last year citing lack of business;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, company-wise;
- (c) whether the private sector GSM and CDMA operators have come out strongly against this bail-out move which is likely to deny them a level-playing field; and
- (d) if so, the Government's reaction thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (Dr. (SMT.) KILLI KRUPARANI)

(a) to (d) Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has received proposals from BSNL and MTNL to bear one-time spectrum fee for retention of spectrum beyond 4.4 MHz in Global System for Mobile communication (GSM) and refund of upfront charges paid to the Government for the Broadband Wireless Access (BWA) spectrum. The proposals are under examined in DoT. DoT has received some representations from the Association/Union of telecom operators in this regard.