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CABLE AND TOWER MAINTENANCE BY BSNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has any proposal to outsource cable and tower maintenance operations in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the extent to which it will benefit to the BSNL?

Answer

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

- (a) Sir, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited has no plan to outsource cable maintenance operations. However, it has planned to outsource tower maintenance operations in the country.
- (b) As per prevailing practices in BSNL, Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) is in place for second line maintenance of equipment with the network supply vendors. Moreover, it has been decided to outsource the work of diesel filling in remote areas, wherever internal resources are inadequate.
- (c) Enhanced efficiency in maintenance of Base Transceiver Station (BTS) sites.