

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MULTI UNION IN BSNL
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of trade unions functioning in the country including Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL);
- (b) whether the Government has received any requests for multi-union system particularly in the BSNL; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH)

(a): The data relating to number of Trade Unions functioning in the country is not maintained Centrally. As per available information there are 20 Unions functioning in BSNL.

(b) & (c): The Management of BSNL has formulated "BSNL Recognition of Non-Executives Unions and Representations in the Councils Rules, 2012" through bi-lateral discussions between Management and the Trade Unions. The Rules, inter-alia, provides for recognition of more than one Union for representation of majority staff, proportionate representation in the councils and extension of Trade Union facilities to all applicant Unions.

The BSNL Management has informed the Chief Labour Commissioner (Central), Ministry of Labour & Employment that the sacrosanct portions of the Code of Discipline in the form of various Do's & Don'ts for Management as well as Unions has been kept intact in the BSNL Recognition of Non-Executives Unions and Representations in the Councils Rules, 2012 .