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MOBILE COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT IN BSNL

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

- (a) whether there has been a delay in augmentation of capacity of Global System for Mobile Communication equipment in BSNL;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has fixed the responsibility for such delay which is one of the reasons for its declining market share;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken against the officials/persons responsible for delay?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has informed that there has been some delay in augmentation of capacity of GSM (Global System for Mobile Communications) equipment in BSNL due to the following reasons:-

Delay in procurement of equipment due to procedural requirements

Delay in getting electricity connections from State Electric utilities.

Delay in getting permission for laying OFC (Optical Fibre Cable) media.

Delay due to increased extremist activities in some circles.

Delay in tower erection in urban areas in absence of uniform policies and different charges being levied by different municipalities & getting permission from local bodies for erection of roof top towers in some States.

Resolving inter-operability issues and getting SACFA (Standing Advisory Committee on (Radio) Frequency Allocation) clearance.

Reluctance shown by the owners to rent out space for new GSM sites citing radiation issues.

Delay in supply of infrastructure items by equipment vendors.

Efforts are being made by BSNL with concerned authorities and vendors to expedite the roll out of the capacity of Global System for Mobile Communication equipment in BSNL. No specific responsibility can be fixed for the problems encountered in augmentation of capacity.