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EXPANSION OF TELECOM NETWORK
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the network of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has not been functioning satisfactorily in the North-East States particularly in Arunachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to expand the network in the said States?

Answer

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

- (a) Madam, the network of BSNL has been functioning satisfactorily in general in the North- East States including Arunachal Pradesh.
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) The steps taken/being taken by BSNL to further expand the network in the said States are:

BSNL is continuously augmenting its Transmission Network. Capital cities in NE Region viz. Kohima, Itanagar, Shillong and Guwahati are connected by Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) ring. Itanagar and Tawang are connected via satellite link. Action has been initiated to connect Tezu via OFC media.

Similarly BSNL has been expanding its wireless network progressively so as to enhance coverage, capacity and to further improve the quality of service.

Reach of Broadband services is also being increased in the States.