

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

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MERGER OF BSNL AND MTNL

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to merge both Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the merging of these two companies will help to turn these two companies into profitable organizations in the longer run; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a)&(b) Government is in the process of revival and revitalization of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) through various short term, medium term and long term measures. The long-term measures would attempt to position these PSUs to emerge as market leaders in the converged tele- communication market. Amongst various options as long- term measures for revival of BSNL and MTNL is merger of the two CPSUs (Central Public Sector Undertakings). No decision has been taken for merger.

(c)&(d) Merger of BSNL and MTNL may help in adopting a common approach to network infrastructure, enterprise business and customer services issues. Implications of merger are being studied.