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NON PARTICIPATION OF PSU TELECOMS IN SPECTRUM AUCTION
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether both the PSUs, the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (BSNL) and the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. (MTNL) have taken a decision not to take part in the upcoming spectrum auction; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Public Sector Undertakings viz. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (BSNL) and the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. (MTNL) are not participating in upcoming spectrum auction. At present, these PSUs have sufficient spectrum to cater to mobile service provisions.