

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

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EMPLOYEE BENEFIT BY BSNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been certain hurdles concerning the disbursement of retirement benefits including pension and gratuity to employees of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. (MTNL);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has decided to shift the payment of pension and other dues of the employees of the MTNL to the Department of Telecom; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time since when the DoT is likely to start disbursement of pension and other dues?

Answer

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

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable in view of (a).
- (c) The Government has decided that payment of pensionary benefits to all categories of the erstwhile employees of Government absorbed in MTNL who have opted for pension on combined service w.e.f. 01-10-2000 shall be done by DoT.
- (d) Disbursement of pensionary benefits to entitled pensioners as per (c) above is being done by the Deptt. of Telecom since April 2014.