

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

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

- (a) whether some reserved vacancies for SCs/STs/OBCs in the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) are lying vacant;
- (b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether BSNL and MTNL have filled up or proposes to fill up all the backlog vacancies reserved for SCs/STs/ OBCs;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) to (e) In Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) there are 2468 vacancies in SCs, 1492 in STs and 438 in OBCs in various posts due to pending court cases, non-availability of sufficient numbers of suitable candidates belonging to reserved category, non-availability of eligible candidates in the feeder grade and candidates not securing minimum qualifying marks. BSNL has proposed to fill up the backlog vacancies through various exams such as for electrical cadre it has been decided to fill up the backlog vacancies through Special Recruitment Drive. For civil cadre it has been decided to fill the backlog vacancies through Limited Internal Competitive Examination (LICE) and direct recruitment. For accounts cadre a proposal for amendment in Recruitment Rules (RRs) of Junior Account Officer is under consideration. Thereafter, process to conduct next LICE to fill up backlog shall be initiated. For filling up vacant post in the grade of Chief Accounts Officer (CAO) against reserved categories process has been initiated. For filling up vacant post in the grade of Chief Account Officer(CAO) against reserved categories process has been initiated. For CSS cadre exams are scheduled shortly to fill up the vacancy. In Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) there are 4 vacancies in SC category. Due to financial position of the company no recruitment drive has been taken up.