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BSNL TELEPHONE LINES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the broadcasting of cable TV through Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited telephone lines has been closed in the country;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to resume the said services by eliminating the faults; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has reported that it had started IPTV (Internet Protocol Television) services using its network through franchisee partners in 67 cities, out of which services in 58 cities have been closed due to low customer response and unviable business.

(c) & (d) BSNL has informed that it may re-offer the IPTV services through a partner by floating a new EOI (Expression of Interest) for these services.