

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

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BAIL OUT PACKAGE FOR BSNL  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government are considering a bail out package of more than Rs. 18,515 crore for the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether package is likely to spread over a period of 5 years which includes reimbursement of licence fees, spectrum charges and extension of moratorium on repayment of principal and interest on Government loans; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. JAYASHOK PRADHAN)

(a) to (d): The financial support to BSNL (Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited) to the tune of Rs. 18,515 crores for a period of 5 years i.e. upto the end of 10th Five Year Plan for providing services in rural areas is under consideration of the Government. The financial support includes reimbursement of license fees, spectrum charges and extension of moratorium on repayment of principal and interest on Government loans beyond 2004.