

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1145
ANSWERED ON:31.07.2000
VIDESH SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED
ASHOK KUMAR PATEL;SURESH PASI

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to withdraw the licence and monopoly of Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd. in the field of international telecommunication before the expiry of its prescribed term;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

- (a) Government has not taken any decision in the matter.
- (b) & (c) In view of reply to part(a) above, the questions do not arise.