

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DISINVESTMENT IN VSNL AND MTNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to disinvest the shares of VSNL and MTNL;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Department of Telecommunications (DOT) has strongly opposed disinvestment the shares of MTNL;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Department was not consulted before announcing the disinvestment scheme for MTNL; and
- (c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (f) : No final decision has been taken regarding further disinvestment of the shares of VSNL and MTNL at this stage. However, the matter is reviewed from time to time and the administrative department is always consulted before any decision is taken in such matters.