

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4049  
ANSWERED ON:20.04.2005  
THREE- WAY AGREEMENT AMONG DOT, MTNL, BSNL  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the MTNL is not in favour of the idea that it should be made a subsidiary of BSNL;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether a proposal has been mooted for a three-way agreement among DoT, MTNL and BSNL to merge the two companies alongwith the decision that BSNL be made to finalise its accounts for last year;
- (d) if so, whether any final decision in this regard has been reached; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

- (a) & (b) The consultants in their report for restructuring of MTNL and BSNL have short listed four options which are under examination by MTNL and DOT.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) & (e) No final decision has been taken in this regard.