

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6858
ANSWERED ON:11.05.2005
INVESTMENT IN TELECOM SECTOR
Yadav Shri Ram Kripal

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

- (a) whether the BSNL has any proposal for huge investment in near future;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the special schemes earmarked for Rural Sector by the BSNL; and
- (d) the source of funding for such schemes?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. BSNL has chalked out a programme for investment in next three year as per detailed below:

YEAR	AMOUNT
2005-06	Rs.27000 CRORES
2006-07	Rs.27250 CRORES
2007-08	Rs.26350 CRORES

- (c) Schemes earmarked for rural sector during the current year are as under:-

- (1) No. of Rural DELs to be provided 14,00,000
- (2) No. of Rural Community Phones to be provided 5,992
- (3) No. of VPTs to be provided 12,509
- (4) No. of MARR replacement to be carried out 76,734

- (d) Sir, as of now, BSNL will be funding these projects from its internal resources. Market borrowing at competitive commercial terms may be resorted in case of need.
