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COMPLAINTS PERTAINING TO PROCUREMENT OF INSTRUMENTS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any complaints have been received regarding procurement of the instruments for BSNL mobile service;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of the companies from whom instruments had been procured by the BSNL for its mobile service including the amount incurred thereon;
- (c) whether some instruments for mobile service are procured on the basis of nomination;
- (d) if so, the facts thereof;
- (e) whether the mobile service is of lower quality to that being provided by private operators as the instruments and other systems procured by the BSNL for its mobile services are of inferior quality; and
- (f) if so, the comparative details of the instruments procured by the BSNL and the private companies alongwith the amount incurred thereon?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The last procurement action initiated for mobile equipment was in January, 2004 through open tender and having finalized the same, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is presently rolling out the network. At the time of floating of the tender, some complaints received on eligibility conditions and experience requirements, were considered before finalizing the tender and issue of orders on successful vendors. The orders have been placed on M/s Nokia & M/s Nortel in the month of September/October, 2004 and on M/s ITI in the month of April, 2004 for an amount of about Rs.3350 Crores.

(c) & (d) Do not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.

(e) & (f) Presently network in operation is based on technology of M/s Ericsson, M/s ITI/Lucent and M/s Motorola/ M/s Siemens. The services of BSNL Mobile are completely positioned and quality is comparable to that of private operators. The networks of private operators are also based on the same technology vendors who have supplied equipments to BSNL.