

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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BOTTLENECKS IN TELECOM NETWORKING
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether all private operators have to seek Point of Interconnection (PoI) from the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) before start of the commercial operations;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether due to lack of adequate Pols, bottlenecks have increased in telecom networking;
- (d) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard;
- (e) the details of requests for Pols pending with the BSNL from private operators, operator-wise; and
- (f) the steps being taken to expedite these requests?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) For ensuring completion of inter-operator calls, interconnection is required between various private and public telecom service providers. It is not mandatory to seek Point of Interconnection from Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited before the start of the commercial operations.

(c) & (d) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has noticed congestion in the networks and directed on 29th November 2005 to 11 service providers to ensure that the Quality of Service parameters in their network are within the benchmark laid by the TRAI for various parameters in the Regulation on Quality of Service of Basic and Cellular Mobile Telephone Services 2005. Monitoring of congestion and necessary corrective step thereafter is a continuous on-going process in the operation and maintenance of telecommunication networks.

(e) & (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.