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PROGRESS OF BSNL AND MTNL PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited projects are running behind schedule;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time frame fixed for their completion;
- (c) the reasons for their running behind schedule; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Some projects of BSNL and MTNL are running behind schedule. Details of the reasons for delay of projects and likely date of completion are given in Annexure-I and Annexure-II for BSNL and MTNL respectively.

(d) Steps being taken for early commissioning of delayed projects are as follows:

BSNL: BSNL has set up project coordination team in each of the circles which is monitoring the projects on daily basis. Also BSNL Head Quarter is regularly monitoring the project through weekly reports and through monthly zonal meetings. BSNL is also pursuing the matter with Wireless Planning and Coordination (WPC) for availability of spectrum and with respective agencies for timely availability of power connections, lands and permission for installation of tower.

MTNL: These projects are turnkey projects, which are to be planned, supplied, implemented and maintained by the vendor being the new technology equipment. MTNL is continuously monitoring and reviewing the progress of the implementation of the projects to cut down delays. Government also reviews the performance on quarterly basis.