

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA**

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MERGER OF HCL WITH BSNL .
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government proposes to merge Hindustan Cables Ltd. (HCL) with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (BSNL);
- (b) If so, whether some Members of Parliament have submitted a Memorandum in this regard; and
- (c) If so, the details and the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In the memorandum, delegation of Hon'ble MPs have proposed merger of HCL with BSNL as viable alternative for revival of HCL. The issue of merger of HCL with BSNL was examined in Department of Telecom and it was considered that there was no scope for merger of two as there was neither functional nor technological synergy between the two.