

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2137  
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DIVIDEND PAID BY MTNL  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) had paid dividend to the Union Government during the year 2004-05;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the Government holding in MTNL; and
- (c) the profit of MTNL during the year 2004-05 and the first half of the current year?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) has paid Rs. 159.47 crores as dividend to the Union Government for 2004-05 which is 45% of paid up equity capital Union Government has 56.25% stake in total paid up equity of Rs. 630 crores.

(c) During the year 2004-05, the profit of MTNL was Rs. 938.97 crores and as per un-audited financial results (provisional), the profit for the first half of the current year is Rs. 239.31 crores.