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COMPARATIVE STUDY OF TELEPHONE SERVICE PROVIDERS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any exercise to compare BSNL, MTNL and other private operators in terms of their access, number of customers and the profits earned by them during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No, Sir.

(c) The reasons are given below:

- (i) PSUs and private operators have different geographical areas of operation like BSNL provide service across the country in urban as well as rural areas whereas private operators do not operate in all the Circle/States.
- (ii) Also, they offer different type of services like most of the private operators offer only mobile services, whereas PSUs offer landline, mobile, broad band, lease line, NLD, ILD etc.