

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

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CDMA TECHNOLOGY BY MTNL/ BSNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited/Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (MTNL/BSNL) have been deprived to Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA) Technology;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the amount of dividend paid by them to the Government during the last three years;
- (d) whether the private telecom operators have been allowed CDMA technology; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) No, Sir. MTNL and BSNL are using both Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA) and Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) technologies in their network.
- (c) The amount on dividend paid by MTNL and BSNL to the Government during the last three years are as follows:

Name of the PSU Financial year (Rs.in crores)
 2004-05 2005-06 2006-07

MTNL	159.47	141.75	106.31
BSNL	1175.00	1175.00	1175.00#

Dividend of Preference Share Capital of an amount of Rs. 675 crores for the Financial year 2006-07 will be paid by BSNL after approval of Shareholders in Annual General Body Meeting.

- (d) & (e) Yes, Sir. M/s Reliance Communications Limited, Tata Teleservices Limited, Tata Teleservices (Maharashtra) Limited, HFCL Infotel Limited and Shyam Telelink Limited have been providing CDMA based services.