

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:52
ANSWERED ON:23.11.2009
EXPANSION OF BSNL SERVICES
Pradhan Shri Amarnath

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has entered into/proposes to enter into agreements with foreign telecom service providers for sharing their respective network (s);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the extent to which it would benefit the public sector company and also the user public?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 52 FOR 23RD NOVEMBER, 2009 REGARDING "EXPANSION OF BSNL SERVICES".

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. BSNL is having operating agreements with 21 foreign carriers/telecom service providers to facilitate both way flow of transmitting and terminating voice and data traffic globally.
- (c) It has enabled BSNL to extend its reach globally in providing international voice dialing services and dedicated data services both point-to-point as well as point-to- multipoint, with the state-of-art facilities at competitive prices.