

M/s. Ericsson India Ltd. was the only successful bidder for part I & part II of the tender floated by BSNL in North & East zone, totaling 43 million lines. After negotiations, the bidder has offered a discount of around Rs. 5870 crores. The bidder has offered a discount of about 40% and 16% in Part-I and Part-II respectively of North Zone and 42% and 14% in part-I and Part-II respectively of East Zone.

(c) As per CVC guidelines there should be no post-tender negotiations even with the L-1, except in certain exceptional situations. Such exceptional situations would include procurement of proprietary items, items with limited sources of supply and items where there is suspicious of cartel information. The justification and details of such negotiations should be duly re-ordered and documented without any loss of time.

Growth of Domestic IT and ITES market

1551. SHRI R.C. SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether any assessment has been made about the growth of domestic IT and ITES market in the next five years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also true that India's software market has grown only Rs. 1000 and odd crores in 2010 when compared to 2009; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT) : (a) and (b) The Department of Information Technology, Government of India had recently set up a Task Force to suggest measures to stimulate the growth of IT & ITES and Electronics Hardware Manufacturing Industry in the country. As per the report of this Task Force, the IT and ITES domestic revenue could grow up to US \$23 billion in the next five years *i.e.* by the year 2014 from the US \$ 12.4 billion in the Financial Year 2008-2009.

(c) and (d) As per National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM), India's IT-ITES domestic revenue is estimated to grow by 12% or about Rs. 7200 crore in the Financial Year 2009-10 over the Financial Year 2008-09 *i.e.* from about Rs. 59,000 crore to about Rs. 66,200 crore. Growth of software products market has slowed down in the Financial Year 2009-10 as companies have delayed capital expenses including software and hardware product purchases on account of the economic downturn.

Consumer finance for purchase of IT products

1552. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether lack of consumer finance for purchase of IT products coupled with high interest rates and economic downturn, have crippled the growth of domestic infotech industry;