

- (b) if not, the reasons for not implementing in BSNL; and
- (c) whether Government has taken any action in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) BSNL Board formulates policies as per Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) guidelines. DPE has not issued any instructions/guidelines regarding Child Care Leave.

- (c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

#### **Policy on open standard**

1977. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a policy on open standard is under preparation by the Ministry?
- (b) whether this policy will decide on the document formats in which information will be stored by Government;
- (c) whether Government is considering only royalty free standards or royalty –based standards are also being considered; and
- (d) whether adoption of royalty-based standards will force the public to buy proprietary software from MNCs to access Government documents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) The policy will enable selection of standards for the document formats.
- (c) and (d) The policy on Open Standards is yet to be finalized.

#### **Broadband connectivity by BSNL**

1978. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government plans to award BSNL Rs. 18,000 crore project to improve broadband connectivity in the country;