

phosphoric acid from 5% to 2% to enable indigenous manufacturers of P&K fertilizers to acquire this important input at reasonable price. Government is also encouraging private sector and public sector companies to explore the possibilities for joint ventures abroad to ensure uninterrupted supply of fertilizers inputs to P&K sector; and

- ix) All possible steps are taken by the Department of Fertilisers to match the availability of fertilizers with the assessed requirement.

Missing files related to telecommunications sector

†1293. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that case of missing of files, related to important and sensitive policy decisions in telecommunications sector taken during last years, has come to light;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any inquiry process is going on in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and would be placed on the Table of the House.

Steps to reduce losses suffered by BSNL

1294. SHRI D. RAJA:

SHRI R.C. SINGH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the State owned BSNL posted a loss of Rs. 6000 crore during 2010-11;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any step to reduce the losses suffered by BSNL continuously;

(d) if so, the details thereof, and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has posted a loss of Rs 6384 crores for the financial year 2010-11.

(c) to (e) Department of Telecommunications (DoT) regularly reviews the performance of BSNL to improve its financial health. Some of steps taken by BSNL to reduce its losses and to improve its financial health are as follows:

- Optimizing CAPEX and OPEX through convergence and consolidation of infrastructure.
- Strengthening of stable revenue streams through concerted focus on broadband and enterprise business with major focus on Government projects.
- Focussing on the revenue from top 100 Cities for monitoring purpose.
- Sustained operational focus on customer care, service delivery, service assurance, revenue management and asset management.
- Aggressive push on Data usage and value added services.
- Clear cut segregation of commercial activities from social obligation to ensure sustainable growth.
- Progressive migration of current network to Next generation network thereby ensuring convergence, consolidation and seamless delivery of various services to end customers across different technologies.

Issuing of postage stamp on 'Dhumketu'

1295. SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA:

SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR:

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

(a) whether the Ministry has received any representation to reconsider issuing of postage stamp on 'Dhumketu' of Gujarat State for his remarkable contribution in literature and particularly his great story named 'Post Office'; and

(b) the action taken by the Ministry in this regard, till date and by when the Ministry is going to issue the postage stamp?