

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?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir, this Ministry has received a proposal for issue of a Commemorative Postage Stamp on "DHUMKETU".

(b) The proposal mentioned at (a) is still under consideration.

Single telecom circle for the country

†1296. DR. YOGENDRA P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to cover the entire country in a single circle, in the aftermath of telecom scams;

(b) whether roaming charges will be discontinued after forming a single circle across the country; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA): (a) to (c) The National Telecom Policy-2011 (NTP-2011) is under formulation. However, the Draft NTP-2011 has been announced by Hon'ble Minister of Communications & IT on 10th October 2011 and has been put in public domain for wider consultation. The last date for receiving suggestions/comments is 9th December 2011.

Draft NTP -2011 has proposed inter-alia the following;

- i) Strive to create One Nation-One License across services and service areas.
- ii) Achieve One Nation - Full Mobile Number Portability and Work towards One Nation - Free Roaming.
- iii) To review roaming charges with the ultimate objective of removing the roaming charge across the nation.

Shifting of circle headquarter of BSNL to Srinagar

1297. SHRI G.N. RATANPURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the Central Government or PSU offices that were shifted to Jammu from Srinagar in early 1990's have shifted back to Srinagar;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.