

(Rs. in crore)

Financial year	Loss
2009-10	2610.97
2010-11	2801.92
2011-12	4109

(c) MTNL is working on developing and leasing out its land bank and monetizing infrastructure through creation of bank ATMs in its premises, leasing out of spare space, sharing of towers etc. The earning potentials of these activities is around Rs.100 crore per annum.

MTNL has requested the Government for surrender of Broadband Wireless Access (BWA) Spectrum in Delhi and Mumbai Licensed Service Areas and to refund Rs. 4533 crores plus interest paid for it by MTNL.

MTNL has formulated a Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) and has requested the Government to bear the cost of VRS. The Scheme is aimed at reducing its workforce by about 21,000. The estimated expenditure likely to be incurred on VRS is about Rs. 5074 crores. MTNL has estimated that VRS will reduce pressure on MTNL's wage and salary pay out to the tune of Rs. 1130 crore per annum.

(d) The proposals of MTNL are under examination in Department of Telecommunications.

**Foundation stones laid for new  
railway projects**

\*198. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foundation stones laid for inauguration of new railway projects, during the last three years, year-wise and zone-wise; and

(b) the present status of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MUKUL ROY): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.