

- (i) Cash infusion of ₹ 207.19 crore (Out of ₹ 207.19 crore, ₹ 145.00 crore was meant for upgradation and modernization of manufacturing facilities conforming to WHO-GMP standards)
- (ii) Write off of loans and waiver of interest thereon of ₹ 233.41 crores by Government of India,

Government has approved writing off of GOI loans and interest of ₹ 233.41 crores, and an amount of ₹ 207.19 crore approved by the Government has been released. BCPL is implementing the Rehabilitation Scheme.

Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited (IDPL)

A Draft Rehabilitation Scheme (DRS) for revival of Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited (IDPL) was considered by Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) at its meeting held on 9.3.2007 and recommended for approval. The scheme was placed before the Cabinet for approval. Cabinet considered the proposal at its meeting held on 17.5.2007 and referred it to Group of Ministers (GoM) for consideration at the first instance. The first meeting of the GoM was held on 11.10.2007. Based on the recommendation of GoM and Draft scheme prepared earlier, a Pre-feasibility Report was prepared by an expert agency, Ernst and Young. The revival scheme of the company is under the consideration of Government of India. Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) has raised certain observations in March, 2014 on the DRS submitted by Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI), the Operating Agency, appointed by BIFR. Necessary action is being taken to revise the DRS.

Digital India Programme

*186. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the aims and objectives of the Digital India Programme announced by the Prime Minister on 15th August, 2014;
- (b) whether Government has chalked out the modalities to implement the programme, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether a Committee has been set up or will be set up to monitor the programme, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) Digital India is a programme

to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. It is an Umbrella Programme that covers multiple Government Ministries and Departments. It weaves together a large number of ideas and thoughts into a single, comprehensive vision so that each of them is seen as part of a larger goal. Each individual element stands on its own, but is also part of the larger picture. The programme aims to provide the much needed thrust to certain growth areas, namely broadband highways, access to mobile connectivity, access to public internet, e-Governance, electronic delivery of services and electronic manufacturing. The programme envisions: Digital Infrastructure as a Utility to Every Citizen, Governance and Services on Demand and Digital Empowerment of Citizens.

(b) Yes, Sir. Considering the multiplicity of agencies involved and the need for overall aggregation and integration at the national level; it has been considered appropriate to implement Digital India as a programme, with well defined roles and responsibilities of each agency involved and to create an appropriate programme management structure. Line Ministries/Departments are responsible for the implementation of the relevant components under the Digital India Programme.

Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY) is the overall coordinating Department for the implementation of Digital India by various Line Ministries/Departments and State/UT Governments.

(c) Yes, Sir. Three committees will monitor the Digital India programme namely:

- (i) Monitoring Committee on Digital India under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Prime Minister
- (ii) Digital India Advisory Group under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister of Communications and Information Technology (MOC and IT)
- (iii) Apex Committee on Digital India under the Chairpersonship of Cabinet Secretary

Revamping of BSNL

*187. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether BSNL would be revamped, rejuvenated and strengthened to avoid the state of being sick;

(b) whether Government would provide the revival fund which was proposed earlier;