

Technology provided to private companies by BSNL/MTNL

†599. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether private telecom companies operating in the country are provided transponder/technology through MTNL and BSNL;

(b) if so, the reasons that their own mobile phone services are not working properly in the rural areas of the country whereas the private mobile operators are making profits using the technology of the said State companies; and

(c) whether it is a fact that State operated mobile services are hampered with a view to extend profits to private-operated mobile services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) have reported that they are not providing transponder/technology to private telecom companies.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) No, Sir.

Time-limit for delivery of speed post

†600. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any time-limit has been fixed for Speed Post to be delivered from one location to its destination in the country;

(b) if so, whether different time-limits have been fixed for Speed Post to be delivered to its destination in rural areas and metropolitan cities in the country;

(c) if so, whether there is any provision to ascertain the responsibility for Speed Post not being delivered to its destination on time; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Department has fixed norms for delivery of Speed Post articles within the City (local), within the same State, between the Metro Cities, between the State capitals and the rest of country. These details have been included in the Department's Citizen's Charter and are available at www.indiapost.gov.in/Citizen_Charter.aspx.

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