

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 126
ANSWERED ON 26.07.2010**

REVISION OF PENSION

126. Shri M. B. RAJESH

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

(a) whether the Department of Telecom (DoT) employees who were absorbed in Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and retired before 1st January, 2007 have been granted revision of pension on the basis of wage revision of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) employees;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal to grant pension revision to these retirees of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL); and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT)

(a) No, Madam.

(b) Existing rules do not explicitly provide for such revision.

(c) Yes, Madam.

(d) A proposal is at preliminary stage of examination.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 201
ANSWERED ON 26.07.2010**

**SAM PITRODA COMMITTEE REPORT
201. Shri M. B. RAJESH**

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

- (a) whether the Government has constituted any committee/mechanism for implementation of the recommendations made by Sam Pitroda Committee for improving the performance of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has undertaken any review of performance and quality of service offered by BSNL and MTNL in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the profit/loss incurred during the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Bihar and Jharkhand; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the performance of said telecom companies?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. The recommendations of Sam Pitroda Committee were discussed in the full Telecom Commission meeting on 7th July 2010. The Telecom Commission has decided to constitute internal committee under Chairmanship of Member (Services), Department of Telecommunications to give its recommendations. The committee may take inputs from BSNL including Employees Associations of BSNL.

(c) & (d) BSNL and MTNL have been signing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Department of Telecommunications (DOT) on yearly basis in accordance with the MOU Monitoring Guidelines of the Department of Public Enterprises. The review of the same is held on quarterly basis. Further, various interactions on the overall performance of BSNL and MTNL, quality of service offered by BSNL and MTNL, suggestions for improving the services etc also happens on periodic basis at various levels in Department of Telecommunications. Details of net profit before tax (circle wise) for BSNL for the years 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 are given in Annexure-I. Accounts for the year 2009-10 for BSNL have not yet been finalized.

Details of net profit before tax for MTNL for the last 3 years are at Annexure-II.

(e) BSNL embarked upon a systematic exercise in December 2008 to develop an overall strategy and transformation agenda. Several changes have been implemented in BSNL's organization structure with the objective of effectively implementing the overall business strategy and providing adequate end-to-end focus on key growth segments. In addition, several initiatives aimed at providing higher thrust on marketing, sales & distribution and customer activities are being implemented.

Annexure

Net profit before tax (circle-wise) for BSNL during the last 3 years is given below:

Name of Circle	<i>(Figures Rs. In Crores)</i> Profit Before Tax		
	2008-09	2007-08	2006-07
ASSAM	-7	54	190
CALCUTTA PHONES	-41	24	183
CHENNAI PHONES	112	276	380
ANDHRA PRADESH	-211	-39	205
BIHAR	-222	-133	77
GUJARAT	-269	-142	279
JAMMU & KASHMIR	73	266	289
KARNATAKA	291	260	697
KERALA	509	807	722
MADHYA PRADESH	-71	-163	247
MAHARASHTRA	133	210	796
NORTH EAST	10	28	74
PUNJAB	-36	114	96
ORISSA	38	47	194
RAJASTHAN	121	269	519
TAMILNADU	-53	168	565
U.P.(EAST)	101	79	157
U.P.(WEST)	-99	-68	158
WEST BENGAL	-287	-170	45
HARYANA	50	120	220
HIMACHAL PRADESH	1	11	61
ANDAMAN & NIKOBAR	-4	0	12
CHATTISGARH	-45	28	104
JHARKAND	8	10	82
UTTARANCHAL	38	31	174
NORTHEAST II	-22	21	49
OTHER CIRCLES	1154	2344	1578
Total	1272	4452	8153

Net profit before Tax for MTNL during the last 3 years

Year	Net Profit before Tax (in Rs. Crores)
2006-07	681.74
2007-08	586.89
2008-09	211.72

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 75
ANSWERED ON 26.07.2010**

**DISINVESTMENT OF BSNL
75. Shri M. B. RAJESH**

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to make disinvestment of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) for its development and expansion purposes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the same has been discussed with the employees unions; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT)

(a) & (b) Madam, the Government is considering to offer part of its equity shareholding in BSNL by an offer for sale to the public due to the following reasons:

It will promote growth of BSNL.

It will provide an access to the capital market for raising fresh equity capital, if required.

(c) & (d) BSNL has discussed this issue with employee's unions at various stages. To allay the fears of the employees, BSNL has been interacting with them about the advantages of disinvestment orally as well as through written communication.

RAJYA SABHA

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QUESTION NO 436
ANSWERED ON 29.07.2010**

**SOCIAL SECURITY MEASURES FOR CASUAL AND CONTRACT LABOURERS .
436. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT**

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

- (a) whether the social security measures like EPF, insurance, etc., as provided under rules, are being extended to the casual and contract labourers engaged in BSNL;
- (b) if so, the details of measures implemented thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the measures taken by Government for getting them implemented?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT)

- (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

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RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 1976
ANSWERED ON 12.08.2010**

**CHILD CARE LEAVE
1976. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT**

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

- (a) whether child care leave as implemented for the women employees in Central Government is also being implemented in BSNL, the fully Government owned company;
- (b) if not, the reasons for not implementing in BSNL; and
- (c) whether Government has taken any action in this matter?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) BSNL Board formulates policies as per Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) guidelines. DPE has not issued any instructions/guidelines regarding Child Care Leave.
- (c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.