

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 870
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND DECEMBER, 2017**

NEW TELECOM POLICY

870. DR. SANJAY SINH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes New Telecom Policy in the country;
- (b) if so, whether Government proposes relief packages to Telecom sector;
- (c) if so, the reasons behind supporting private telecom companies and the contract details during their award;
- (d) the reasons for changing policies of Government to favour the private telecom players; and
- (e) the present debt position of the telecom companies in the country?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

(a) to (d) The Department of Telecommunications envisages to formulate a new National Telecom Policy in view of rapid technological advancement in the sector. The work on formulation of National Telecom Policy-2018 has been initiated and is targeted to be finalized by March, 2018. Several Working Groups have been constituted on different themes for this purpose.

(e) As per Report of the Inter Ministerial Group (IMG), the total debt of Telecom Industry is Rs.7.88 Lakh Crores.
