

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1246
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23RD NOVEMBER, 2016**

SHARING OF INFRASTRUCTURE

1246. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the BSNL and MTNL have entered into pacts with private service providers for 2G and 3G roaming on infrastructure sharing basis;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the customers of private service providers will get access to BSNL network and *vice-versa* where there is a coverage gap;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the benefit accrued to the telecom PSUs as a result thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has entered into 2G intra-circle roaming agreement with private operators namely, M/s Aircel, M/s Vodafone and M/s Reliance Jio.

Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) has not entered into such pacts with any private service provider for 2G and 3G roaming on infrastructure sharing basis.

(c) to (e) At present services have not been started commercially by BSNL with any of the aforesaid private operators. Once the intra circle roaming services are commercially launched the benefits will be available to BSNL customers.
