

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 742
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH FEBRUARY, 2018**

UNCERTAINTY IN TELECOM JOB MARKET

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any prevailing uncertainty in the job markets of telecom sector of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
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(a) to (c) The Telecom sector is one of the highly competitive high-tech sectors and is currently going through a phase of consolidation with mergers and acquisitions happening among various companies. Mergers and acquisitions can have an impact on certain specific telecom service providers. However, it may be mentioned that there is a vast potential for growth in this sector, with the increasing convergence in voice and data and related technologies and the consequent demand for telecom services.

Keeping in view the need for better connectivity and for increasing the potential for further growth, especially in the rural areas, the Government is implementing programmes to improve connectivity through the flagship project 'BharatNet' which aims at linking each of the nearly 2.5 lakh Gram Panchayats of India through a vast optical fibre network that in turn is expected to boost various economic activities in the rural sector. This endeavour will open up avenues for telecom operators, cable TV operators and e-commerce companies, etc. to launch new services and in turn aid the creation of local employment opportunities.
