

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 781
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH FEBRUARY, 2018**

HANDING OVER BSNL TOWERS TO PRIVATE COMPANIES

781. SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to hand over the maintenance of BSNL towers to private companies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the BSNL Employees' Unions have opposed to the said plan of the Government; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereon?

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 floated a tender for outsourcing of Operations & Maintenance (O&M) activities of passive infra (non electronic infrastructure at mobile tower sites) along with Sales & Marketing (S&M) work for 26287 BSNL Non-colocated Base Transceiver Station (BTS) sites in 21 circles on pan-India basis for operational and financial reasons.

(c) & (d) BSNL has informed that its Employee Unions so far have not opposed the aforesaid outsourcing arrangement of Operations & Maintenance (O&M) activities of passive infra along with Sales & Marketing (S&M) work for BSNL Non-colocated BTS sites.
