

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-4558**  
**ANSWERED ON-06.04.2018**  
Merger of BSNL and MTNL

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- (a) whether it is a fact that Government intends to merge BSNL and MTNL;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government proposes to introduce VRS in both the entities based on Gujarat pattern; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with its outlines?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) & (b) At present, there is no proposal for merger of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL).
- (c) & (d) MTNL has submitted a proposal to the Department of Telecommunications for Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) based on Gujarat pattern. The proposal is for 200% of its employees and seeks 100% Government support of Rs.1067 crores for implementation of VRS. The proposal of MTNL is under consideration of the Department.