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Revenue Generation Measures

BSNL

BSNL has proposed to develop 10 parcels of land for revenue generation as pilot project. Expression of Interest (EOI) has been called by BSNL for appointment of consultant for this purpose. Revenue likely to be generated by developing the lands is to be assessed after the submission of report by the consultant.

BSNL has requested Department of Telecommunications (DoT) for surrender of Broadband Wireless Access (BWA) Spectrum in few Licensed Service Areas (Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kolkata, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh & Gujarat) and to refund Rs. 6724.51 crores for one time upfront BWA Spectrum charges paid for the same.

DoT has received from BSNL a Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) aimed at reducing its workforce by 1,00,000. Likely expenditure on ex- gratia is estimated to be about Rs. 12,371 Crores. In addition, there will be expenditure on normal retirement benefits viz Gratuity, Pension, leave encashment and transfer grant.

MTNL

MTNL is working on developing and leasing out its land bank and monetising infrastructure through creation of bank ATMs in its premises, leasing out of spare space, sharing of towers etc. The earning potentials of these activities is around Rs.100 crore per annum.

MTNL has also requested DoT for surrender of Broadband Wireless Access (BWA) Spectrum in Delhi and Mumbai Licensed Service Areas and to refund Rs. 4533.97 crores for one time upfront BWA Spectrum charges paid for the same.

MTNL has also prepared a Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) aimed at reducing its workforce by 21,000. The estimated expenditure likely to be incurred on VRS is about Rs. 5074 crores. MTNL has estimated that VRS will reduce pressure on MTNL's wage and salary pay out to the tune of Rs.1130 crore per annum

BSNL and MTNL have requested DoT to finance their Voluntary Retirement Schemes and refund the BWA spectrum charges paid by them.

The requests of BSNL and MTNL are under examination in the Department of Telecommunications.

This was stated by Shri Milind Deora, the Minister of State in the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology in response to a written question in Lok Sabha today.

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