

# DoT to seek Telecom Commission nod on BSNL, MTNL CMD selection

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NEW DELHI: The [Department of Telecom](#) may seek nod of Telecom Commission, the apex decision making body at the department, to revert to the method of [selecting chief](#) of state-run MTNL and BSNL through [Public Enterprise Services Board](#) instead of through search-cum-selection committee.

"Approval of [Telecom Commission](#) (TC) is solicited for adoption of the PESB process for appointment of [Chairman-cum-Managing Director](#), MTNL and BSNL," an official source said.

While the government has already started the search for CMDs of MTNL and BSNL through PESB, the approval from the TC would ensure a smooth completion of the process.

Present MTNL CMD AK Garg and BSNL CMD R K Upadhyay were selected through search-cum-selection committee recommended by panel headed by [Advisor to Prime Minister Sam Pitroda](#) for revival of both the PSUs. Both the CMDs were appointed in 2011 for three year period with an option for extension.

The process was approved by the TC in July 2010. Under present CMD R K Upadhyay, BSNL has been able arrest its losses that it had been posting since 2009-10. BSNL has also chalked out plan to post profit before taxes by 2018.

On the other hand, MTNL also expects to be cash flow positive by financial year 2014-15 and post profit by FY'2017-18.

MTNL reported widening of the net loss to Rs 5,321.12 crore for financial year 2012-13, compared to Rs 4,109.78 crore in FY'12. BSNL losses, as per unaudited results, stood at Rs 8,198 crore for 2012-13, compared Rs 8,851 crore posted in 2011-12.

While PESB is done with the phase of application submission on August 27 for BSNL CMD, it has fixed last date of October 17 for MTNL CMD applications.



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