



## PSUs owe telecom ministry ₹2.65 lakh cr: MoS Sanjay Dhotre

**NEW DELHI:** Public sector companies owe the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) around Rs 2.65 lakh crore, with GAIL India alone owing around 65 per cent of the total amount, Minister of State for Telecom and IT Sanjay Dhotre told Parliament on Wednesday.

The department has raised a demand notice to recover the due from 10 public sector

crore from RailTel Corporation of India, Rs 90.22 crore from Software Technology Parks Of India, Rs 47.09 crore from Ernet India Ltd and Rs 65.44 crore from Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV.

In a separate reply on payment of dues by telecom operators, Dhotre said the government has directed the licence holders to make the payments in accordance with

undertakings (PSUs), he added.

In response to a question raised by MP Rajiv Ranjan Singh that whether a huge amount of the DoT is due on Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers, GAIL, Rail Tel, Power Grid and other public sector companies, Dhotre said "Yes, sir." According to details shared by the minister, five public sector units owe DoT over 99 per cent of the total demand raised.

the Supreme Court's order dated October 24, 2019, and submit requisite documents within the stipulated time frame.

"Action in accordance with licence agreement is taken against the telecom service providers (TSPs) if they fail to pay the dues to the government," Dhotre said.

He was replying to a question on whether the govern-

This includes a demand of Rs 1,72,655.73 crore from GAIL India, Rs 48,489.26 crore from Oil India, Rs 22,062.65 crore from Powergrid Corporation of India, Rs 15,019.97 crore from Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers and Chemicals and Rs 5,481.52 crore from Delhi Metro Rail Corporation of India. The DoT has also raised a demand of Rs 842.02 crore from NICSI, Rs 307.26

ment proposes to terminate licences of TSPs in view of their failure to pay the dues to the government to the tune of Rs 93,000 crore. The apex court had given three months to telecom companies from October 24 when it pronounced judgment on statutory dues. The Supreme Court has held that non-telecom revenues have to be considered for calculating statutory dues. PTI



## PSUs Owe ₹2.65-L Cr AGR Dues to DoT: MoS

New Delhi: Five public sector undertakings (PSUs) owe the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) 99% of the total ₹2.65 lakh crore as dues on the basis of adjusted gross revenue (AGR), minister of state for telecom and IT Sanjay Dhotre told the Lok Sabha on Wednesday.

GAIL India accounts for around 65% of the total ₹2.65

lakh crore that 10 PSUs owe the DoT, said Dhotre.

The overall demands include ₹1,72,655.73 crore from GAIL India, ₹48,489.26 crore from Oil India, ₹22,062.65 crore from Powergrid Corporation of India, ₹15,019.97 crore from Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers and Chemicals and ₹5,481.52 crore from DMRC. —

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