

Group of Ministers meet on BSNL, MTNL revival cancelled

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NEW DELHI: The Group of Ministers, to look in to revival strategy for state-run telecom operators [BSNL](#) and [MTNL](#), cancelled its meeting on Friday because of some changes in the schedule of [Finance Minister P Chidambaram](#).

"Finance Minister was not available today," a government official told PTI, adding that next date for the meeting is yet to be decided.

Sources at [Finance Ministry](#) said that the Finance Minister had to travel to Chennai and hence he was not available for the meeting.

The GoM is headed by Finance Minister P Chidambaram. It was constituted after Telecom Minister [Kapil Sibal](#) in a letter to Prime Minister [Manmohan Singh](#) raised concerns over the future of the two loss making PSUs.

BSNL losses are expected to be about Rs 8,198 crore, and that of [MTNL](#) is likely to be around Rs 3,300 crore for the financial year 2012-13.

Members of the GoM include the Telecom Minister, Commerce and Industry Minister Anand Sharma, Law Minister Ashwani Kumar, [Planning Commission](#) Deputy Chairman Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Information and Broadcasting Minister Manish Tewari and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office V Narayanasamy.



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