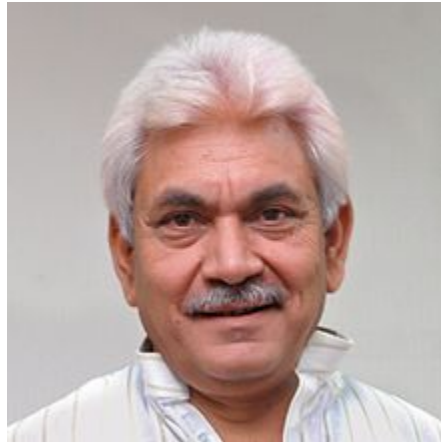


Shri Manoj Sinha has taken over the charges of Communications Ministry as MoS with Independent charge on 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2016. Perhaps after long time that Communications have been given charge to a MoS. Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, present Communications Minister is the new Law Minister. This is the first time that there is no Cabinet Minister for the important portfolio of Communications.



Manoj Sinha was born on 1 July 1959 in Bhumihar Brahmin family [3] in Mohanpura, Ghazipur District, India. He has a B. Tech. and M.Tech. Degree in civil engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, BHU (earlier called IT-BHU). Shri Manoj Sinha is Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) from Ghazipur Constituency in Uttar Pradesh. Shri Manoj Sinha married Shreemati Neelam Sinha(Sultanganj,Bhagalpur) on 8 May 1977. They have a daughter married and settled in USA and a son.

Shri Manoj Sinha is the 65th Communications Minister in independent India.

We welcome Shri Manoj Sinha and hope that he will try to improve the BSNL and the telecom services and also improve welfare activities for BSNL Pensioners. Wish him all success.

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