

VIDESH SANCHAR NIGAM LTD
Form 6-K
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FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C., 20549

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16

UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month September, 2006

Commission File Number 001-15118

VIDESH SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Videsh Sanchar Bhavan, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Mumbai 400 001, India

(Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Yes No

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Registrant hereby incorporates in the report on Form 6-K the following Exhibits:

Exhibit Number	Description of Exhibit
1.	Intimation to the Bombay Stock Exchange and the National Stock Exchange of India regarding filing of an action in The Netherlands to appeal the award of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) International Court of Arbitration.

Forward-Looking Statements

All words and statements other than statements of historical fact included in this Form 6-K (including the attached exhibits), including, without limitation, expect, believe, plan, intend, estimate, anticipate, may, will, would and could or similar words and statements concerning the registrant and its prospects, and other statements relating to the registrant's expected financial position, business strategy, the future development of the registrant's operations and the general economy in India, are forward-looking statements. Such statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause actual results, performance or achievements of the registrant, or industry results, to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements are based on numerous assumptions regarding the registrant's present and future business strategies and the environment in which the registrant will operate in the future. The important factors that could cause actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from such forward-looking statements include, among others, changes in government policies or regulations of India and, in particular, changes relating to the administration of the registrant's industry, and changes in general economic, business and credit conditions in India. Additional factors that could cause actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from such forward-looking statements, many of which are not in the registrant's control, include, but are not limited to, those risk factors discussed in the registrant's various filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its annual report on Form 20-F filed on October 17, 2005. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this Form 6-K. The registrant expressly disclaims any obligation or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statement contained herein to reflect any change in the registrant's expectations with regard thereto or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statement is based.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

VIDESH SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED

By: /s/ Harish Abhichandani
Name: Harish Abhichandani
Title: Deputy General Manager

September 8, 2006

HQ/CS/CL.24B/12145

8 September 2006

Sir,

Sub: International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) International Court of Arbitration Order.

VSNL previously announced on 26 May 2006 the receipt of the ruling of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Arbitration Tribunal on issues of legal liability and non-monetary relief relating to its dispute with FLAG Telecom Group Limited (FLAG) regarding the interpretation of the Construction and Maintenance Agreement (C&MA) governing the FLAG Europe-Asia (FEA) cable system to which FLAG and VSNL, and various other parties, are Signatories.

The Tribunal by majority award ordered VSNL to grant FLAG access to the Mumbai cable landing station of the FEA cable system for the purposes of installation, inspection, testing, training and other functions so as to equip capacity of the FEA cable system to any level.

VSNL was, and remains, disappointed that the Tribunal decided by a 2:1 majority to reject what VSNL (and, VSNL believes, many other Signatories) had understood to be the effect of the C&MA. VSNL has yesterday filed a Writ in The Netherlands to seek to set aside the award.

Notwithstanding VSNL's application, VSNL will continue to comply with the terms of the award, as issued, until such time as it may be set aside.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

For Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited

Rishabh Aditya

To List Attached:

To:

- 1) Security Code 23624, The Stock Exchange, Mumbai. Fax No.(22) 22722061, 22721072
- 2) Security Code 5251, The Asst. Manager (Listing), National Stock Exchange of India Limited. Fax Nos.: (22) 26598237/38.
- 3) National Securities Depository Ltd. Fax Nos. : 2497 29 93.
- 4) The Bank of New York. Fax No.2204 49 42.
- 5) Sharepro Services. Fax No. 2837 5646
- 6) Marc H. Iyeki, Director, New York Stock Exchange, Fax No: (212) 656-5071 /72 / Madhu Kannan, Managing Director, New York Stock Exchange, Fax No: (212) 265-2016

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- 7) Mr. Hitendra Patil, Vice President (Operations), Central Depository Services (India) Limited. Fax : 2267 3199.

- 8) Mr. Harish Abhichandani, for SEC information requirements, Fax 1934.