

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.666
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8TH FEBRUARY, 2019**

700 MHZ BAND SPECTRUM ALLOCATION TO BSNL

666. DR. SANJAY SINH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received any request from BSNL for allocation of 5 MHz block in 700 MHz band through the equity route;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for no allocation of 5 MHz block in 700 MHz band spectrum to BSNL, till date; and
- (d) the details of the roadmap for rollout of 4G services by BSNL and MTNL?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

(a) to (c) A request from Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) for allocation of 5 MHz block in 700 MHz band through the equity route or allocation of 5 MHz block in 2100 MHz band on a temporary basis was received in Department of Telecommunications for rolling out its LTE services.

Subsequently, BSNL submitted a detailed proposal for allocation of 5 MHz block in 2100 MHz band in all licensed service areas (LSA) except Rajasthan. In Rajasthan LSA, due to unavailability of spectrum in 2100 MHz band, BSNL has requested for allotment of 5 MHz spectrum in the 800 MHz band. The request of BSNL is presently under consideration in the department.

(d) BSNL and MTNL, in their proposals, have mentioned their plan to install 1,00,000 and 9,750 4G BTSs respectively to roll out 4G services in their LSAs. BSNL has already started 4G services in a few LSAs. As on 31.12.2018, 1385 numbers of 4G BTSs are operational.
