GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 224 TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD FEBRUARY, 2023

REVIVAL PACKAGE TO BSNL/MTNL

224 Shri Narayana Koragappa:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of revival package given to BSNL for its revival;
- (b) the details of spectrum for starting 4G services given to BSNL and MTNL;
- (c) the details of aforesaid funds being used for capital expenditure and in rolling out 4G services; and
- (d) by when BSNL is expected to start making profits, with the above financial assistance?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)

- (a) The Union Cabinet in its meeting held on 27.07.2022 has approved revival package for BSNL amounting to Rs. 1.64 lakhs crores. The revival measures focus on infusing fresh capital for upgrading BSNL services, allocating spectrum, de-stressing its balance sheet, augmenting its fibre network by merging Bharat Broadband Nigam Limited (BBNL) with BSNL.
- (b) BSNL & MTNL are presently holding spectrum in 900 MHz, 2100 MHz and 2500 MHz bands for providing 4G mobile cellular services.
- (c) As part of Cabinet approval of July 2022, a capex of Rs 22,471 Cr (including Rs. 1,851 Cr. for MTNL) has been approved for BSNL as equity infusion over a period of 4 years from 2022-23 to 2025-26 through budgetary allocation. This will be utilised by BSNL for its CAPEX requirement including 4G mobile services.
- (d) BSNL is expected to generate net profit in the Financial Year 2026-27 with the implementation of the revival package.
