

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 236  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY, 2023**

**BSNL REVIVAL PACKAGE**

**236 Smt. Jebi Mather Hisham:**

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have taken stock of the functioning of BSNL, the details over the last five years, year-wise;
- (b) whether steps have been taken to restore BSNL's market share, which was 21 per cent in 2005 but reduced to 10 per cent by 2022, details thereof;
- (c) whether BSNL has formulated any novel strategies to focus on rural areas as part of strengthening its social obligation, the circle-wise details over the last five years; and
- (d) whether any special drive has been designed for realising a full-fledged Digital India under the revival package of ₹1.64 lakh crore approved in July last year?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS  
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)**

- (a) & (b) The Union Cabinet in its meeting held on 23.10.2019 considered and approved the revival of BSNL and MTNL, further in its meeting held on 27.07.2022 the Union Cabinet 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. The details of income, expenditure and profit/loss of BSNL for last 05 years are as under:-

(in INR Crore)

Financial Year	Total Income	Total Expenditure	Net profit/ (loss)
2018-19	19,321	34,225	(14,904)
2019-20	18,907	34,406	(15,500)
2020-21	18,595	26,036	(7,441)
2021-22	19,052	26,034	(6,982)
2022-23 (up to 30.09.2022)	9,366	12,956	(3,589)

- (c) BSNL has successfully completed roll out of mobile services in Left Wing Extremist (LWE) areas. It is executing 4G saturation project for uncovered villages and also has commissioned 24,333 numbers of Wi-Fi Hotspots in rural areas. It is providing FTTH services in villages using BharatNet infrastructure. It has also provided 3,82,87,564 telephone connections in rural areas. The Circle-wise rural telephone connection details, is enclosed as **Annexure-A**.
- (d) The revival packages approved by the cabinet will strengthen BSNL in telecom services including rural areas and will facilitate the mission of providing digital connectivity in rural areas and help domestic manufacturing industry. Further, BSNL has planned for procurement for 1 lakh sites to provide 4G services under "Atmanirbhar Bharat" mission.

## Annexure-A

Sl no	Name of the Circle	Status of Rural telephone connections (WIRE LINE +WIRELESS)				
		as on 31.03.2018	as on 31.03.2019	as on 31.03.2020	as on 31.03.2021	as on 31.03.2022
1	ANDAMAN / NICOBAR	131,472	110,318	97,449	107,120	115,558
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	5,765,709	3,909,243	3,798,286	3,687,071	3,497,239
3	ASSAM	743,833	926,372	1,030,932	1,121,187	1,191,605
4	BIHAR	1,284,186	1,288,903	1,560,032	1,529,453	1,551,321
5	CHHATTISGARH	750,084	752,629	802,702	794,551	794,324
6	GUJARAT	2,224,232	2,266,511	2,226,789	2,125,251	2,005,091
7	HARYANA	733,295	672,702	585,388	499,274	454,769
8	HIMACHAL PRADESH	1,729,298	2,037,928	2,138,884	2,151,163	1,982,891
9	JAMMU & KASHMIR	175,284	129,507	133,313	130,320	140,440
10	JHARKHAND	376,560	379,980	436,505	471,824	465,914
11	KARNATAKA	2,056,089	2,043,419	2,100,993	1,989,202	1,732,569
12	KERALA	5,629,899	5,703,022	5,493,494	5,215,436	5,491,655
13	MADHYA PRADESH	1,477,506	1,517,347	1,479,952	1,457,178	1,362,986
14	MAHARASHTRA	2,964,624	2,949,146	2,833,085	2,707,571	2,641,286
15	NORTH EAST - I	197,666	144,642	91,049	82,644	78,435
16	NORTH EAST - II	237,869	165,632	146,461	111,451	99,416
17	ORISSA	2,439,980	2,656,928	3,196,226	3,362,884	3,218,987
18	PUNJAB	820,807	719,380	648,840	578,869	483,818
19	RAJASTHAN	2,058,037	2,105,503	2,220,575	2,256,932	2,276,071
20	TAMIL NADU	938,419	886,104	818,691	648,022	554,276
21	UTTARANCHAL	556,184	603,849	618,137	581,531	628,531
22	UTTAR PRADESH (E)	3,470,207	3,453,683	3,394,099	3,308,115	3,178,094
23	UTTAR PRADESH (W)	1,061,889	1,054,972	1,047,144	1,037,088	1,033,121
24	WEST BENGAL	888,574	880,437	1,131,316	1,214,694	1,270,208
25	CALCUTTA	0	0	0	0	7
26	CHENNAI	268,263	284,591	296,849	300,274	311,574
27	TELANGANA	0	1,838,241	1,712,765	1,681,886	1,727,156
28	SIKKIM	0	0	0	0	222
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,89,79,966</b>	<b>3,94,80,989</b>	<b>4,00,39,956</b>	<b>3,91,50,991</b>	<b>3,82,87,564</b>

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