

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2769  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2023**

**STATUS OF SERVICE PROVIDER ORGANISATION**

**2769 # Dr. Radha Mohan Das Agrawal:**

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the increase or decrease in the number of various service provider organizations in the wireless subscriber sector during the last three years and proportionately the percentage of their share at that time, year-wise; and
- (b) the total investment made in Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and the reasons BSNL is lagging behind in this field?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) The wireless subscriber base of telecom service providers during the last three years; their market share at that time; and increase or decrease is as per **Annexure**.
- (b) The total investment of Government of India (GoI) in BSNL is as follows:

<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Amount in Rs crore</b>
Equity Share Capital	28,373.44
9% Non-cumulative Preference Shares	7,500.00
Share Application Money pending allotment	3,013.00
Capital Contribution from the Shareholder	983.18
<b>Total Investment of GoI as on 20.03.2013</b>	<b>39,869.62</b>

Government of India in its Cabinet meeting held on 23-10-2019 approved the proposal worth Rs 70,000 Cr (approx.) for “Revival of BSNL and MTNL” by reducing employee costs through VRS, administrative allotment of spectrum for 4G services, debt restructuring by raising of sovereign guarantee bonds, monetisation of assets and in-principle approval of merger of BSNL and MTNL. To further transform BSNL into a viable Public Sector Undertaking, the Government approved revival package for BSNL amounting to Rs 1.64 lakhs crores, on 27.07.2022, including capital expenditure for 4G and other telecom services.

Annexure referred to in part (a) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2769 to be answered on 24.03.2023

Service Provider	<u>Wireless subscribers base as on</u> <u>(Figures in Million)</u>				<u>Market Share in percentage</u>			
	Mar-20	Mar-21	Mar-22	Dec-22	Mar-20	Mar-21	Mar-22	Dec-22
<b>Bharti Airtel</b>	327.81	352.39	360.33	367.61	28.31	29.84	31.55	32.16
<b>BSNL (*)</b>	119.87	118.63	113.74	106.71	10.35	10.05	9.96	9.34
<b>MTNL</b>	3.36	3.30	3.25	2.76	0.29	0.28	0.28	0.24
<b>Reliance Communications Ltd.</b>	0.0178	0.0092	0.0033	0.0028	0.002	0.001	0.0003	0.0002
<b>Reliance Jio infocomm Ltd.</b>	387.52	422.92	403.99	424.52	33.47	35.81	35.37	37.14
<b>Vodafone-Idea Ltd.</b>	319.17	283.71	260.77	241.32	27.57	24.02	22.83	21.11
<b>Grand Total</b>	1157.75	1180.96	1142.09	1142.93	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

(\*) The wireless subscriber base figure reported by M/s BSNL VNO's for Tamil Nadu circle is included with BSNL GSM in Tamil Nadu Circle.

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