

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1929
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH DECEMBER, 2024**

BSNL SERVICES IN PURI DISTRICT, ODISHA

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Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the poor BSNL network connectivity in Puri district, Odisha, particularly in rural and coastal areas;
- (b) if so, the details of any initiatives or plans to upgrade the BSNL infrastructure in Puri district, including the installation of new 4G towers;
- (c) the timeline for implementation of these improvements and the expected impact on network reliability and speed; and
- (d) the measures being taken to ensure uninterrupted and quality services in areas with high tourist footfall, including Puri town and nearby heritage sites?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(DR. PEMMASANI CHANDRA SEKHAR)**

(a) to (d) Telecom services provided by BSNL are meeting the benchmark of all the network related Quality of Service (QoS) parameters of Cellular Services in Orissa Licensed Service Area (LSA) as per Performance Monitoring Report (PMR) of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).

To further improve the telecom connectivity, BSNL has already placed purchase order for procurement of one lakh indigenously developed 4G sites for pan India deployment. As on 06.12.2024, 61,492 sites have been installed and 51,135 4G sites are ON-Air. Phase IX.2 project provisions for upgrading all existing 132 mobile sites in Puri District, Odisha to 4G. Also, additional 12 new sites are provisioned under above mentioned project.
