

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1932
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH DECEMBER, 2024**

REVENUE BY TELEPHONE TOWERS AND TELEPHONE EXCHANGES

**1932 SHRI R. GIRIRAJAN:
DR. KANIMOZHI NVN SOMU:**

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the current value of Telephone towers and Telephone exchanges installed by BSNL throughout the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) whether Government has taken steps to monetize such large volumes of telephone towers and telephone exchanges by leasing out them to private telecom players like Jio, Airtel, TATA, Vodaphone India and others, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the income generated through this in the last five years, year-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) BSNL's asset of Towers, Apparatus and Plants has Gross block book value of Rs.68,256.21 Cr. as on 31.03.2024.

(b)& (c) As on 31.03.2024, BSNL has leased out total 12,502 towers to various Telecom Operators. The details of Revenue on account of letting/leasing out of BSNL's Towers is as below:

Financial Year	Revenue (Amount in Rs. Crore.)
2019-20	1,008
2020-21	999
2021-22	1,050
2022-23	1,024
2023-24	1,056
