

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1939
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH DECEMBER, 2024**

WIRELESS SUBSCRIBERS IN THE COUNTRY

1939 SHRI KARTIKEYA SHARMA:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of active wireless subscribers in the country, the market share of all the telecom operators, and the recent trends observed in the market;
- (b) the details of the specific measures undertaken by Government till now to expedite BSNL's 5G rollout, including spectrum allocation, network infrastructure upgradation, technology partnerships, etc.; and
- (c) whether Government is ensuring that BSNL's 5G rollout aligns with the 'Make in India' initiative, particularly in terms of equipment sourcing and technological development, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The details of wireless subscribers in the country for various Telecom Service Providers as collected and published by TRAI from time to time are available on its website.
- (b) & (c) In line with Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, BSNL has placed purchase order for indigenously developed 1 lakh 4G sites for pan India deployment. Supply of 4G equipment started from September 2023 and as on 06.12.2024, 61,492 sites have been installed and 51,135 4G sites are ON-Air. The 4G equipment is 5G upgradable. Further, the Government has reserved spectrum for BSNL for providing 5G services.
