

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2259
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH MARCH, 2025**

PLI SCHEME FOR TELECOM AND NETWORKING PRODUCTS

2259 SHRI SANJAY SETH:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the key objectives of the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for telecom and networking products;
- (b) the manner in which the PLI scheme contributed to promoting the manufacturing of telecom products and reducing import dependency in India till March 2025;
- (c) the changes made to the scheme and the manner in which these amendments benefit domestically designed, developed and manufactured products; and
- (d) the number of telecom and networking products that have benefited from the PLI scheme so far, and the expected impact on the industry?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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- (a) & (b) The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) notified the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme on 24.02.2021 to boost domestic manufacturing of telecom and networking products in India with an outlay of ₹12,195 crore. As on 31.01.2025, beneficiaries have made an investment of ₹4,081 crore, generating total sales of ₹78,672 crore, which includes export sales worth ₹14,963 crore. Additionally, it has generated employment for 26,351 individuals.
- (c) The scheme guidelines have been amended to introduce the following:
 - i. An additional 1% incentive for products designed, developed, and manufactured in India to promote design-led manufacturing.
 - ii. Inclusion of 11 additional products in the approved list based on industry requirements.
 - iii. Flexibility for companies to add one or more products from the approved list at any time during the scheme tenure.
 - iv. Option for companies to apply for incentive claims on a quarterly basis.
- (d) The PLI scheme covers 33 telecom and networking products, against which companies can claim incentives. As on 31.01.2025, the scheme has led to an investment of ₹4,081 crore and total sales of ₹78,672 crore, which includes export sales amounting to ₹14,963 crore. Additionally, it has generated employment for 26,351 individuals.
