

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3046
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH MARCH, 2025**

BSNL 5G SERVICES

3046 SHRI RAGHAV CHADHA:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that BSNL's 5G network launch has been postponed to mid-2025, while private operators have already established their 5G services;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the measures being taken to expedite BSNL's 5G deployment to ensure competitive parity and nationwide coverage?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) In line with Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, BSNL has placed purchase order for indigenously developed one lakh 4G sites for pan India deployment. Supply of 4G equipment has started from September 2023 and as on 08.03.2025, total 83,993 4G sites have been installed and 74,521 sites are ON-Air. The equipment is 5G upgradable.
