

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3702
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD APRIL, 2025**

BSNL 4G CONSUMER BASE IN KOLKATA CIRCLE

3702 SHRI SAMIK BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of BSNL 3G / 4G consumers in the Kolkata Circle for the last three years and the current year, along with data on yearly increase or decrease in connections;
- (b) the status of BSNL's 4G network expansion in Kolkata, including the number of new towers installed and upgradation efforts undertaken to enhance service reliability;
- (c) whether BSNL has introduced any competitive plans or incentives to attract new consumers and regain market share in the Kolkata telecom market; and
- (d) the timeline for BSNL's transition to 5G services in Kolkata and the roadmap to strengthen its position against private telecom operators?

ANSWER

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

(a) The details of 3G/4G subscribers in the Kolkata Circle for the last three years, are attached at **Annexure-I.**

(b) to (d) In line with Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, BSNL has placed purchase order for 1 Lakh indigenously developed 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 upgradable to 5G. BSNL has upgraded 1,297 number of 4G sites and planned 284 new Base Transceiver Station in Kolkata Telecom Circle.

BSNL is giving tariff plans as per market dynamics and keeping its plans competitive with respect to other telecom service providers in order to facilitate affordable services.

Annexure-I

Annexure-I for Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3702 for 03.04.2025

Sl. No.	Financial year	Total No.of 3G/4G Mobile Subscribers	Yearly increase/decrease
1	2021-22	24,92,545	
2	2022-23	21,66,601	-3,25,944
3	2023-24	21,13,366	-53,235
4	2024-25 (Upto Feb, 25)	23,69,257	2,55,891
