

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 503
ANSWERED ON 24TH JULY, 2025**

FAILURE OF TELECOM RECOVERIES

503 SHRI RANDEEP SINGH SURJEWALA:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount of recovery outstanding/due from telecommunications service providers to the Department of Telecommunications over the last five years and the reasons for non recovery; and
- (b) whether any amount also remains outstanding/unrecovered by BSNL/MTNL from private telecom operators on account of uses or otherwise if so, the amount thereof and the reasons for non-recovery?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The total amount of recovery outstanding/due from major telecommunications service providers to the Department of Telecommunications over last 5 years along with the reasons for non recovery is enclosed in **Annexure -I**.
- (b) Yes, certain amounts are outstanding from private telecom operators to BSNL and MTNL on account of Interconnection Usage charges, Tower Leased Out to other TSPs. The total amount outstanding/unrecovered by BSNL/MTNL from private telecom operators is enclosed in **Annexure -II**.

ANNEXURE-I

Outstanding/due amount from Major Telecom Access Service Providers for the last Five years (as on 31.03.2025)			
(Amount in Rs. Crores)			
S.no.	Name of licensee	Total Dues*	Reasons for non-recovery
1	Bharti Group	4515.79	Under dispute and litigation.
2	Vodafone Group	3529.48	Due to litigation.
3	Tata Group (TTSL/TTML)	2.40	Due to litigation.
4	Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited	1156.13	Due to litigation.
	Sub-Total (1 to 4)	9203.80	
5	MTNL	1026.75	<ul style="list-style-type: none">As per Union Cabinet decision (July 2022), AGR dues to be examined by Committee of Secretaries for further action.Dues other than AGR-related amounts are under dispute.
6	BSNL	57.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">As per Cabinet approval (OM No. 20-28/2022-PR dated 02.08.2022), AGR dues to be settled through equity conversion upto 2027.Dues other than AGR-related amounts are under dispute.
	Sub-Total (5 to 6)	1083.75	
	Grand Total	10287.55	

* Dues are subject to revision on the basis of representations by TSPs, Departmental assessments, CAG/Special Audits, Court Cases etc. These dues are with interest as on 31.03.2025.

ANNEXURE-II**Outstanding/ unrecovered amount by BSNL/MTNL from private Telecom Operators****(Amount in Rs. Crores)**

Sr. No.	Name of TSP	Type of Dues	Outstanding/unrecovered amount from private Telecom operators	Reasons for non recovery
1	BSNL	Outstanding dues of IUC	1108.87	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dispute against the outstanding IUC amount, including litigations in courts. • Some TSPs has closed their businesses; or are under liquidation / Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process. • Claims of insolvent/liquidated companies are filed in CIRP; recovery subject to NCLT proceedings/resolution plan.
		Outstanding dues from Tower leased out	386.86	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ₹21.29 Cr under dispute (pending with NCLT) • ₹257 Cr billed in last 3–6 months • ₹108 Cr under discussion (issues like site exit charges, DG set charges, SLA deductions)
		Total (A)	1495.73	
2	MTNL	Outstanding dues of IUC	153.14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dues are under dispute for payment, or operators are under insolvency/liquidation proceedings.
		Outstanding dues from Tower leased out	132.91	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disputed with operators.
		Total (B)	286.05	
		Grand Total (A+B)	1781.78	
