

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2091
ANSWERED ON 06th AUGUST, 2026**

ROLLOUT OF 5G SERVICES BY BSNL

2091 SHRI RAVI CHANDRA VADDIRAJU:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has initiated steps to upgrade BSNL's infrastructure for 5G services nationwide;
- (b) the timeline set for rollout of 5G services by BSNL; and
- (c) whether these upgradations would ensure affordable and reliable connectivity, especially in rural and underserved areas?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) In line with Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, BSNL has installed 98,550 indigenous 4G sites on pan India basis out of one lakh sites as on 25.07.2026, of which 97,174 4G sites are ON-Air. The equipment is 5G upgradable from technology perspective.
