

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3622  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY, 2019**

**TELECOM SERVICES IN NORTH-EAST REGION**

3622. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry of Communications is responsible for entire development of telecommunications in North-Eastern Region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether BSNL network services in Assam are very poor and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the number of BSNL mobile towers installed by the Government in Assam and especially in the district of Jorhat ?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &  
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

- (a) & (b) For development of telecommunications in the North Eastern Region (NER), the Government:
  - (i) has approved Comprehensive Telecom Development Plan for mobile connectivity for the Region which includes installation of 6673 mobile towers for 8621 identified uncovered villages, 321 mobile towers for National Highways and strengthening of transmission network in the region.
  - (ii) is implementing BharatNet project, which includes provision of connectivity by broadband to 11,956 Gram Panchayats (5860 in Phase-I and 6096 in Phase-II) in the Region.
- (c) & (d) As per Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) Performance Monitoring Report for the Quarter ending September, 2018, M/s Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is meeting the benchmarks for all the parameters for Basic Wireline Service, Cellular Mobile Telephone Service and Broadband services in Assam Service Area.

BSNL Assam Circle is maintaining a Mobile network throughout the Circle with 2,884 Base Transceiver Stations (BTSs) in Assam including 129 BTSs in Jorhat District of Assam. For expanding coverage and capacity of mobile network, BSNL under phase VIII.4 project has installed 467 BTSs, out of the planned 964 BTSs in Assam Circle.

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