

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.511
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH FEBRUARY, 2019**

SERVICES AND SPECTRUM BY MTNL/BSNL

511. SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:
SHRI GEORGE BAKER:
SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of services including spectrum being provided by MTNL/BSNL across the country, State/ UT-wise including Maharashtra;
- (b) the details of the number of States/ districts/villages being covered by 2G/3G service of MTNL/BSNL across the country, at present;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to provide 4G spectrum to MTNL/BSNL to start rolling out 4G service across the country to compete with private players;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the time by which it is likely to be implemented along with the funds likely to be sanctioned therefor; and
- (f) the details of the number of States/ districts/villages likely to be covered initially under this service?

ANSWER

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

(a)&(b) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) are providing various telecom services i.e., basic wireline telephone, mobile, broadband, internet, ISDN, IN, Wi-Fi hotspots, leased circuits and Data Centre service in their Licensed Service Areas (LSAs).

Circle/LSA/district wise detail of villages/areas covered by BSNL and MTNL by 2G/3G is at **Annexure**.

(c) to (f) BSNL has submitted proposal to allot spectrum by equity infusion of Rs.6767.5 crore by Government in BSNL for its spectrum requirement for providing 4G services. Similarly, MTNL has submitted proposal to allot spectrum by preferential share capital infusion of Rs. 6,295 crore by Government in MTNL for its spectrum requirement for providing 4G services. Department of Telecommunication (DoT) decides the issues keeping in view the relevant criteria in this regard, including the decision of the Apex Court. As per their proposals, BSNL and MTNL plan to install 1,00,000 and 9,750 4G BTSs respectively to roll out 4G services in their LSAs. BSNL has already started 4G services in a few LSAs. As on 31.12.2018, 1385 numbers of 4G BTSs including 577 4G BTS in Maharashtra are operational.

Annexure**Circle/LSA/District-wise details of villages/areas covered by BSNL and MTNL by 2G/3G Service**

S. No.	Circle	Total Villages as per census 2011	No. of villages covered with BSNL's 2G/3G mobile services as on 31.12.2018	No. of District Head Quarters	No. of District Head Quarters covered by 2G/3G mobile services of BSNL
1	Andaman & Nicobar	555	345	3	3
2	Andhra Pradesh	17039	12688	13	13
3	Assam	26395	20728	33	33
4	Bihar	44874	29064	38	38
5	Chhattisgarh	20125	12614	27	27
6	Chennai	1636	1610	3	3
7	Gujarat	18309	13080	29	29
8	Haryana	6841	4491	19	19
9	Himachal Pradesh	20690	18017	12	12
10	Jammu & Kashmir	6553	4219	22	22
11	Jharkhand	32394	20079	24	24
12	Karnataka	29340	19973	30	30
13	Kerala	1039	1034	16	16
14	Kolkata	750	707	5	5
15	Madhya Pradesh	54903	32325	51	51
16	Maharashtra	43999	22026	35	35
17	North East-I	8544	2622	27	27
18	North East-II	9532	4463	49	49
19	Odisha	51313	26202	30	30
20	Punjab	12592	11333	24	24
21	Rajasthan	44672	26372	33	33
22	Tamil Nadu	14433	12162	31	31
23	Telangana	10761	8352	31	31
24	Uttar Pradesh (East)	80029	76265	48	48
25	Uttar Pradesh (West)	26745	14439	27	27
26	Uttarakhand	16793	13147	13	13
27	West Bengal	40669	27722	22	22
	Total	641525	436079	695	695

* MTNL is providing 2G/3G mobile service in Delhi and Mumbai LSAs.
