

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2782  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2019**

**SOLAR POWERED MOBILE TOWERS**

**†2782. DR. BHARATIBEN DHIRUBHAI SHIYAL:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether private telecom company operators have equipped most of their mobile towers with solar cells whereas no such initiative has been taken by BSNL;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to equip each mobile tower of BSNL with solar cells and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the time by which BSNL mobile towers in Gujarat are likely to be equipped with solar cells in Gujarat along with the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS, LAW & JUSTICE AND  
ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)**

- (a) No Sir, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has equipped 2111 mobile towers with solar cells.
- (b) to (d) BSNL has informed that provision of solar cells at each of its mobile tower is techno-commercially not viable. BSNL has also informed that presently, there is no plan to equip all of its mobile towers in Gujarat with solar cells.

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