

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2315
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15TH MARCH, 2023**

REVIVAL OF BSNL/MTNL

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any steps are being taken by the Government for revival of BSNL/MTNL and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to make MTNL and BSNL ready for the use of 5G Spectrum and if so, the time by which the same is likely to be done;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to launch 5G services in the State of Madhya Pradesh as well and if so, the districts where the said services are likely to be started; and
- (d) whether 3G services of BSNL are functional in rural areas and if so, the details thereof, district-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)**

- (a) The Union Cabinet on 23.10.2019 approved the revival of BSNL and MTNL. Further on 27.07.2022, the Union Cabinet approved revival package for BSNL amounting to Rs. 1.64 lakhs crores. The revival measures focus on infusing fresh capital for upgrading BSNL services, allocating spectrum, de-stressing its balance sheet, augmenting its fibre network by merging Bharat Broadband Nigam Limited (BBNL) with BSNL.
- (b) The Government has reserved spectrum for providing 5G services by BSNL while conducting the Spectrum auction in July 2022. 5G services of BSNL will be started after roll out of BSNL 4G services.
- (c) Telecom Service Providers have installed 5G BTSs for providing 5G services in 12 Districts of Madhya Pradesh i.e. Bhopal, Chhindwara, Dewas, Gwalior, Indore, Jabalpur, Raisen, Ratlam, Rewa, Sagar, Satna and Ujjain.
- (d) BSNL is providing 3G services since February 2009 covering rural areas also. List of Districts of Madhya Pradesh where 3G services have been started are attached as **Annexure-A**.

Districts of Madhya Pradesh where 3G services are functional in Rural Areas.

SL No.	Name of District	Nos. of villages covered with BSNL 3G Mobile Services
1	Alirajpur	3
2	Anuppur	5
3	Ashoknagar	4
4	Balaghat	9
5	Barwani	3
6	Betul	28
7	Bhind	0
8	Bhopal	15
9	Burhanpur	10
10	Chhatarpur	2
11	Chhindwara	36
12	Damoh	10
13	Dewas	12
14	Dhar	12
15	Dindori	2
16	Guna	9
17	Gwalior	1
18	Harda	6
19	Hoshangabad	12
20	Indore	18
21	Jabalpur	10
22	Jhabua	3
23	Katni	6
24	Khandwa	12
25	Khargone	7
26	Mandla	7
27	Mandsaur	9
28	Morena	3
29	Narsimhapur	11
30	Neemuch	12
31	Panna	2
32	Raisen	6
33	Rajgarh	2
34	Ratlam	7
35	Rewa	3
36	Sagar	9
37	Satna	6
38	Sehore	11
39	Seoni	13
40	Shahdol	4
41	Shajapur	8
42	Sheopur	3
43	Sidhi	10
44	Singrauli	10
45	Ujjain	11
46	Umaria	5
47	Vidisha	8
Total		395
