

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5319  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2023**

**MTNL AND BSNL**

**†5319. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has planned to merge MTNL and BSNL by making structural changes to improve their services;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government plans to make 5G services available through the said entities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b) The Union Cabinet, while approving revival package for Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) on 27.07.2022, approved formation of a Committee of Secretaries (CoS) for detailed examination to resolve matters of MTNL, including its merger with BSNL.

(c) & (d) 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.

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