

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2787  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2023**

**Revenue Loss of BSNL**

**2787. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:**

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Government is aware that Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) continues to lose revenues due to its inability to offer commercial 4G services when private companies have started 5G services across the country and if so, the action taken thereon;
- b) whether the BSNL has sought financial assistance from the Government for clearing its debt liabilities and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;
- c) whether the Proof of Concept (PoC) for 4G rollout has been completed and if not, the expected timeframe to complete the same; and
- d) the details of the market share of various network service providers in the country from FYs 2014-15 to 2023-24 till 31.10.2023?

ANSWER

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

**(a)to (c)** Government has taken measures steps for revival of BSNL. These include a revival package in 2019 amounting to around Rs. 69 thousand Crore. It brought down the operating costs of BSNL. The revival package of 2022 amounting to around Rs. 1.64 Lakh Crore was focused on infusing fresh capital, restructuring debt and viability gap funding for rural telephony.

In terms of the revival package, BSNL has restructured its debt liabilities through Sovereign Guaranteed Bonds worth Rs.12,684.7 Cr. so far.

As a result of these measures, BSNL have started earning operational profits from FY 2020-21.

In addition, the Union Cabinet on 07.06.2023 approved the allotment of 4G/5G spectrum to BSNL with the total outlay of around Rs. 89,047 Crore through equity infusion.

In accordance with Atmanirbhar initiative of the Government, BSNL has placed purchase orders for 1 Lakh sites to rollout 4G services. The equipment is upgradable to 5G.

**(d)** The details of subscriber base of the Telecom Service Providers collected and published by TRAI from time to time are available on their website.

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