

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 505  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2023**

**BSNL SUBSCRIBERS**

**†505. SHRI VIVEK NARAYAN SHEJWALKAR:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that there has been a continuous decline in the number of Mobile subscribers of BSNL and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to bring any attractive Tariff plan to increase the number of said BSNL mobile subscribers and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether any timeline has been fixed to upgrade into 5G Network service and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) The number of mobile subscribers of BSNL in last ten years is as below:

S.No.	Date	No. of Mobile Subscribers
1	31.03.2014	9,46,49,445
2	31.03.2015	7,72,23,655
3	31.03.2016	8,63,45,709
4	31.03.2017	10,09,89,553
5	31.03.2018	11,16,79,483
6	31.03.2019	11,57,42,565
7	31.03.2020	11,98,72,123
8	31.03.2021	11,86,28,482
9	31.03.2022	11,37,41,960
10	31.03.2023	10,36,83,498

- (b) BSNL is offering competitive and affordable mobile tariff plans as per market trends. Some popular tariff plans of BSNL are followings as of date:

- (i) Special Tariff Vouchers (STV) – MRP Rs. 118/- (20 days validity) and MRP Rs. 147/- (30 days validity).
- (ii) Plan Vouchers: MRP Rs. 153/-(26 days validity), MRP Rs. 197/-(70 days validity), MRP Rs. 397/-(150 days validity), MRP Rs. 797/- (300 days validity) etc.

- (c) BSNL has issued purchase order for procurement of 1 Lakh sites to rollout 4G services all over India over a period of 24 months. This equipment is upgradable to 5G.

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