

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 849
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH FEBRUARY, 2024**

BSNL NETWORK

†849. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the BSNL network is in a very bad condition due to which people are discontinuing their BSNL connection and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether 5G network has started in some parts of the country while other parts do not even have proper connectivity of 2G, 3G networks and if so, the details thereof along with the time by which this discrepancy is likely to be addressed;
- (c) whether any proposal for setting up of a BSNL tower in far away villages like Chitrakoot, Barondha, Karigohi, Parasmania, Maudha, Khamaria, Markandey, Shivrajpur under parliamentary constituency of Satna is pending and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which this work is likely to be completed along with the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) Telecom services provided by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) are meeting most of the Quality of Service (QoS) parameters as per Performance Monitoring Report (PMR) of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).

As of November 2023, out of 6,44,131 villages in the country (village data as per Registrar General of India), around 6,17,150 villages i.e. 95.8% villages are covered with mobile connectivity. To further improve telecom connectivity in the country, Government is implementing various schemes.

- A total of 41,160 mobile towers have been sanctioned with an outlay of Rs. 41,331 Cr to provide 4G connectivity to about 55 thousand villages.
- Scope of BharatNet program has been expanded to connect all inhabited villages with an outlay of Rs. 1.88 Lakh Cr.
