

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 255
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH MARCH, 2020**

LOSSES INCURRED BY BSNL AND MTNL

†*255. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the time since when the public sector telecommunication companies Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) are incurring losses;
- (b) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take any steps to bring the said companies out of the losses; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS, LAW & JUSTICE AND
ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)**

- (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *255 FOR 11TH MARCH, 2020 REGARDING “LOSSES INCURRED BY BSNL AND MTNL”.

(a) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) are incurring losses since 2009-10.

(b) & (c) The Government has approved the revival plan for BSNL and MTNL on 23.10.2019. The revival plan inter-alia, includes the measures to reduce the Staff cost through a Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) for the employees of age 50 years and above, administrative allotment of spectrum to BSNL/MTNL for providing 4G services, monetisation of assets of BSNL/MTNL for retiring debt, CAPEX and network upgradation/expansion, debt restructuring by raising of sovereign guarantee bonds and in-principle approval for merger of BSNL and MTNL.
