

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 371
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD FEBRUARY, 2021**

BSNL 4G SERVICES

†371. SADHVI PRAGYA SINGH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to start 4G services of BSNL in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS, EDUCATION AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE)**

(a)&(b) The Government approved the revival plan for Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) on 23.10.2019, which inter-alia includes administrative allotment of spectrum through budgetary allocation to BSNL for providing 4G services. BSNL has floated an Expression of Interest (EOI) on 01.01.2021 for prior registration/Proof of Concept (PoC) from Indian Companies interested in participating in BSNL's upcoming 4G tender.

BSNL has, meanwhile launched 4G services at limited scale by utilising existing spectrum which is being used for 3G services. Approximately, 8,600 number of 4G sites are working in BSNL.
