

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1464  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2021**

**BSNL SERVICES IN DARBHANGA**

†1464. SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of towers of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) installed in Darbhanga;
- (b) whether 3G service is being provided by all BSNL towers in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to increase the number of towers equipped with 3G service in order to improve the BSNL 3G service which is too weak in rural areas of Darbhanga district at present and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which Government is likely to start BSNL 4G services in Darbhanga and its nearby districts?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has informed that 200 mobile towers of BSNL are installed in Darbhanga. As on 31.05.2021, out of 1,56,058 Base Transceiver Stations (BTS) of BSNL in the country, 3G BTS are 62,417.
- (c) BSNL has informed that there are 58 3G BTS installed in Darbhanga, and they do not propose to increase the number of 3G BTS.
- (d) BSNL is providing 4G services on limited scale using its existing spectrum. As on 31.05.2021, 4G services are being provided by BSNL in Darbhanga through 38 BTS. 13 BTS are working in nearby Madhubani district.

For country-wide 4G services, BSNL has floated an Expression of Interest (EoI) on 01.01.2021 for Proof of Concept (PoC) from Indian Companies interested in participating in BSNL's upcoming 4G tender, where 4G Core network will be on Indian technology. Letter of Intent (LoI) has been issued to 5 eligible bidders on 01.07.2021.

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