

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1539
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28th JULY, 2021**

BSNL BROADBAND SERVICES

1539. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal or scheme for the development and extension of BSNL broadband services;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) The Government approved the revival plan for Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) on 23.10.2019, which, *inter-alia*, includes administrative allotment of spectrum for providing 4G services with funding through budgetary allocation.

BSNL has floated the 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. Letter of Intent (LoI) has been issued to 5 eligible bidders on 01.07.2021.

With the launch of 4G services by BSNL on pan-India basis, BSNL wireless broadband will expand in the country.

BSNL is also providing fixed line broadband services on fibre and copper. BSNL regularly upgrades and strengthens its fixed line broadband network.
