

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2635
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4TH AUGUST, 2021**

SATELLITE BASED INTERNET OF THINGS NETWORK CONNECTIVITY

†2635. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state: whether any specific efforts are being made by the Government to provide satellite based Internet of Things(IoT) network connectivity through BSNL to enhance the Narrow Band-Internet of Things(NB-IoT) network in the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

Sir, As per current regulatory framework, the licensed Telecom Service Providers can render various telecommunication services including satellite-based Internet of Things (IoT) service based on their techno-commercial considerations and scope of license obtained by them.

Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) does offer Narrow Band-Internet of Things (NB-IoT) network connectivity in the country. As on 22nd July, 2021, BSNL has provided 385 NB-IoT connections.
