

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2891  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2021**

**STAFF OF BSNL & MTNL**

2891. SHRI M. BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether is it a fact that staff of MTNL and BSNL are not paid their salaries for several months due to losses the companies are facing;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether is it because MTNL and BSNL failed to attract the mobile users through better services and facilities compared to private telecom companies and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details on the reasons as to why BSNL and MTNL took several years to launch 4G service while private Companies like Airtel, Jio, Idea, etc. started it several years ago;
- (e) whether MTNL and BSNL do not have enough infrastructure or manpower;
- (f) if so, the steps taken for improvement; and
- (g) if not, the reasons for their failure to compete with the private telecom companies?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (b) Salaries of BSNL and MTNL employees are upto date and have been paid up to November 2021.

(c) to (g) For BSNL and MTNL, stiff competition in mobile segment and absence of 4G services (except in few locations for BSNL) in the data-centric telecom market are eroding their competitive strength. The Government on 23.10.2019 has approved administrative allotment of spectrum for 4G services with Government support to BSNL as part of its revival package. BSNL is currently undertaking Proof of Concept testing for deployment of indigenous 4G technology.

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