GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 520 TO BE ANSWERED ON 1ST DECEMBER, 2021

4G SERVICES OF BSNL

520. MS. S. JOTHIMANI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has laid down a roadmap for the timely completion of the rollout of 4G wireless services of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of the expected increase in mobile revenue of BSNL from the full-fledged rollout of 4G services in the first year?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)

(a) to (c) The Government approved revival plan for Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL), including administrative allotment of spectrum for providing 4G services with funding through budgetary allocation.

BSNL invited the Expression of Interest (EoI) on 01.01.2021 for Proof of Concept (PoC) for Indian Companies interested in participating in BSNL's upcoming 4G tender. BSNL has given a timeline of Sep 2022 for pan India rollout of its 4G services.

(d) BSNL has estimated that with pan India 4G rollout, an incremental revenue of around Rs 900 Cr is expected in the first year from operations.
