

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 684
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1ST DECEMBER, 2021**

REVAMPING BSNL

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering is to revamp BSNL;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Government's communication system is totally dependent on BSNL and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government proposes to make BSNL functional at par with private mobile companies and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the number of officers and employees working in BSNL currently;
- (e) the present financial status of BSNL; and
- (f) the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) The Government approved the revival plan for Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) on 23.10.2019. The revival plan inter-alia, includes measures to reduce the Staff cost through a Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) for employees of age 50 years and above, administrative allotment of spectrum for providing 4G services with funding through budgetary allocation, monetisation of non-core and core assets to generate resources to retire debt, meet CAPEX and other requirements, debt restructuring by raising of Sovereign Guarantee Bonds and in-principle approval for merger of BSNL and MTNL. These measures are expected to help BSNL turn around and remain competitive.

BSNL plays a significant role in providing communication systems under various projects of Government inter-alia Bharatnet, Network for Spectrum for Defence, for improving communication systems in North Eastern Region, Left-Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas, border areas and other inaccessible areas.

(d). Total number of officers/employees in BSNL as on 31.10.2021 are 63,010 (Executive-29,832 and Non-Executive-33,178).

(e) to (f) The financial Status of BSNL as on 31.03.2021 is as under:

(Amount in Rs Cr)

| Year | 2020-21 |
|--------------------|---------|
| Total Income | 18,595 |
| Total Expenditure | 26,036 |
| Net Profit/ (Loss) | (7,441) |
