

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 101
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH FEBRUARY, 2022**

REVIVAL OF BSNL AND MTNL

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) are incurring losses since 2009-10 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the cumulative losses incurred by both the PSUs separately as on date; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for revival of BSNL and MTNL?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS &
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- (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 101 FOR 9TH FEBRUARY, 2022 REGARDING ‘REVIVAL OF BSNL AND MTNL’.

(a) & (b) The details of annual profit/loss for the financial year 2009-10 to 2020-21 of BSNL and MTNL are as follows:

Financial Year	Profit/ (Loss) in Rs Cr	
	BSNL	MTNL
2009-10	(-)1823	(-)2611
2010-11	(-)6384	(-)2802
2011-12	(-)8851	(-)4110
2012-13	(-)7884	(-)5321
2013-14	(-)7019	7825
2014-15	(-)8234	(-)2893
2015-16	(-)4875	(-)2006
2016-17	(-)4793	(-)2971
2017-18	(-)7993	(-)2971
2018-19	(-)14904	(-)3398
2019-20	(-)15500	(-)3811
2020-21	(-)7441	(-)2454

The cumulative losses incurred up to 2020-21 by BSNL and MTNL are Rs 95,701 Cr and Rs 35,348 Cr respectively.

(c) In order to strengthen BSNL and MTNL, the Government approved a revival plan 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 Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) and other requirements, debt restructuring by raising of Sovereign Guarantee Bonds and in-principle approval for merger of BSNL and MTNL. BSNL and MTNL have turned EBIDTA positive (operating profit) in 2020-21 as a result of these measures.
