

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2402
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH MARCH, 2022**

NATIONAL DIGITAL COMMUNICATION POLICY

2402. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:
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SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the objectives and key features of the National Digital Communication Policy (NDCP-2018) including the strategical importance of it;
- (b) the details of the user base of BSNL broadband service along with the revenue generated during the last financial year;
- (c) whether the Government has any plans for disinvestment in BSNL; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The strategic objectives of the National Digital Communications Policy-2018 are (i) Providing broadband for all, (ii) Creating additional jobs in the Digital Communications Sector, (iii) Enhancing contribution of the Digital Communications Sector in India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), (iv) Propelling India up in the ICT Development Index of ITU, (v) Enhancing India's contribution to Global Value Chains, and (vi) Ensuring digital sovereignty. In pursuit of accomplishing these objectives, the policy envisages three Missions namely; (i) Connect India: Creating Robust Digital Communications Infrastructure; (ii) Propel India: Enabling Next Generation Technologies and Services through Investments, Innovation and IPR generation; and (iii) Secure India: Ensuring Sovereignty, Safety and Security of Digital Communications. The policy is strategically important for the nation as it envisions to fulfill the information and communication needs of citizens and enterprises through the establishment of a ubiquitous, resilient, secure, accessible and affordable Digital Communications Infrastructure and aims to support India's transition to a digitally empowered economy and society.
- (b) The total number of broadband connections provided by the BSNL till 31st March 2021 is 59,92,560. The revenue generated by BSNL during the last financial year (2020-21) is Rs. 1828.14 crore.
- (c) & (d) At present, the Government has no plan for disinvestment in BSNL.
