

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2418
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH MARCH, 2022**

MEASURES TO REVIVE BSNL

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any comprehensive measures to revive BSNL;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of existing employees in BSNL in various ranks;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to recruit new employees in BSNL; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) The Government approved a revival plan for BSNL 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 requirement and debt restructuring by raising of Sovereign Guarantee Bonds.

(c) BSNL has informed that as on 31.12.2021, there are 62,771 employees (Executive: 29,769 and Non-executive: 33,002) working in BSNL.

(d) & (e) Current strength of employees is sufficient for operation of BSNL.
