

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5593
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH APRIL, 2022**

MERGING BBNL AND BSNL

5593. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to merge BBNL and BSNL to consolidate telecom operations of the Government and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Ministry is also thinking of merging BSNL with MTNL since MTNL is in existence only in two cities and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether any Cabinet note was initiated for merger of BBNL and BSNL and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (c) A proposal for merger of Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL) and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is under examination.

Government has approved the revival plan of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) on 23.10.2019 which inter-alia includes in-principle approval for merger of MTNL and BSNL. Due to financial reasons including high debt of MTNL, the merger of MTNL with BSNL is deferred.
