

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1664
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH JULY, 2022**

NEW PROJECTS OF BSNL AND MTNL

1664. SHRI E. T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made time bound implementation of new projects for BSNL and MTNL for development.
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that BSNL and MTNL are losing its Subscribers day by day; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) The Union Cabinet approved on 23.10.2019 administrative allotment of spectrum for 4G services to BSNL & MTNL through capital infusion. In line with Atmanirbhar initiative of the government, BSNL was directed to deploy Indian Core for 4G on the recommendations of Empowered Technology Group (ETG). Accordingly, BSNL floated the Expression of Interest (EOI) on 1st Jan, 2021 for registration cum Proof of Concept (PoC) from Indian Companies interested in participating in BSNL's upcoming 4G tender. PoC has been provisionally completed. BSNL has issued the Purchase Order on 31.03.2022 for 4G roll-out for 6,000 sites. Further, the Cabinet in its meeting held on 14.06.2022 has, inter-alia, reserved spectrum for BSNL for providing 5G services.

(c) & (d) Yes sir, the details of wireless and wireline subscribers of BSNL and MTNL are given as under:

As on	MTNL Subscribers(in Lakhs)			BSNL Subscribers(in Lakhs)		
	<u>Wireless (GSM)</u>	<u>Wireline</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Wireless (GSM)</u>	<u>Wireline</u>	<u>Total</u>
31.03.20	33.6	30.93	64.53	1197.9	87.27	1285.17
31.03.21	32.96	29.03	61.99	1183.85	66.49	1250.34
31.03.22	32.48	26.93	59.41	1136.65	68.94	1205.59
31.05.22	32.42	26.48	58.9	1114.24	67.07	1181.31*

*Data as on June, 2022
