

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1810  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2022**

**EXPANSION OF BSNL**

1810. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to stop the expansion of BSNL in mobile network services;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the action taken by the Government for the expansion of BSNL to 4G & 5G facilities;
- (d) whether the Government initiated action for procurement of equipments to BSNL for providing 4G & 5G facilities and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the private mobile companies are providing 4G & 5G facilities to the customers and if so, the action taken by the Government to equip BSNL to compete with private providers; and
- (f) whether the Government proposes to stop the services provided by BSNL in mobile networking system and if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (f) Under Atma-nirbhar initiative of the government, BSNL floated the Expression of Interest (EOI) on 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Purchase Order has been issued by BSNL on 31.03.2022 for 4G roll-out for 6,000 sites. BSNL would roll out 4G services in LSAs based on techno-commercial considerations. Further, the Cabinet in its meeting held on 14.06.2022 has, inter-alia, reserved spectrum for BSNL for providing 5G services.

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