

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1827
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH JULY, 2022**

BSNL 5G/4G IN LADAKH

1827. SHRI JAMYANG TSERING NAMGYAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Union Territory of Ladakh is included in the processes of implementing BSNL 5G/4G in India; and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor;
- (b) whether the Government is planning to install 4G network on all the existing BSNL Tower. if so, the detail thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to cover all the uncovered hamlets/villages/areas including border outpost of Army and ITBP under USOF Scheme and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) & (b) Under Atma-nirbhar initiative of the government, 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 4G tender. PoC has been provisionally completed. BSNL will convert the existing 161 sites into 4G and additional 142 4G sites are also planned in the Union Territory of Ladakh. Further, the Cabinet in its meeting held on 14.06.2022 has, inter-alia, reserved spectrum for BSNL for providing 5G services.

(c) The uncovered villages of the country, including the union territory of Ladakh, are being covered by the Government, under USOF scheme, and Telecom Service Providers in a phased manner. Proposal for provision of 4G mobile services at Border Out Posts (BoPs) of Border Guard Forces (BGFs) including Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) has been received from MHA for processing and approval.
