

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1511
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31ST JULY, 2024**

LOW GROWTH OF MTNL AND BSNL

**1511 COM. SELVARAJ V:
SHRI SUBBARAYAN K:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that despite witnessing massive growth over the past decade by the broader telecom industry, MTNL and BSNL have not been able to gain from this surge and have rather lost the market share and grip on the business;
- (b) if so, the details of the decline in the share of the wireline including broadband and mobile business during the current year as compared to the year 2014;
- (c) the yearly financial performance of MTNL and BSNL since 2014; and
- (d) the details of the Government's plan for the revival of MTNL and BSNL?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(DR. PEMMASANI CHANDRA SEKHAR)**

(a) to (d) The market share of BSNL and MTNL has declined due to several factors such as competition and technological change.

The details of subscriber base of the Telecom Service Providers collected and published by TRAI from time to time are available on their website.

The details of financial performance of BSNL and MTNL since 2014 are as below:

(Rs. in Crore)

Financial Year	Net Profit/(Loss)	
	BSNL	MTNL
2014-15	(8,234)	(2,893.39)
2023-24	(5,371)	(3,317.42)

Government has taken various measures for revival of BSNL/MTNL. These include a revival package in 2019 amounting to around 69 Thousand Crore. It brought down the operating costs of BSNL and MTNL. The revival package of 2022 amounting to around 1.64 Lakh Crore was given for measures such as infusing fresh capital, restructuring debt and meeting viability gap. In addition, the Government in 2023, approved the allotment of 4G/5G spectrum to BSNL with the total outlay of around Rs. 89 Thousand Crore through equity infusion.
