

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2745  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2024**

**MOBILE SUBSCRIBERS OF BSNL IN CHHATTISGARH**

**†2745 SHRI BRIJMOHAN AGRAWAL:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of mobile subscribers of BSNL in Chhattisgarh;
- (b) the percentage growth registered in the number of subscribers during the last three years;
- (c) the number of telephone/mobile towers of BSNL with respect to the percentage of subscribers;
- (d) the time by which the 5G services are likely to be started for the BSNL subscribers in Chhattisgarh;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to set up 5G test bands with the assistance of technical institutes in Chhattisgarh in future; and
- (f) if so, the time by which the said work is likely to be started?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) & (b) There are around 19.85 lakhs mobile subscribers of BSNL in Chhattisgarh, as on 31.05.2024. The circle wise details of mobile subscribers of the Telecom Service Providers collected and published by TRAI from time to time are available on their website.
- (c) There are 2,383 mobile towers of BSNL in Chhattisgarh against subscriber base of around 19.85 lakhs.
- (d) to (f) In line with Atmanirbhar initiative, BSNL has placed purchase order for procurement of 1 Lakh indigenously developed 4G sites for pan India deployment, which are upgradable to 5G. Supply of 4G equipment has started from September 2023. Further, 5G use case Labs are established in NIT, Raipur and IIT, Bhilai in Chhattisgarh State.

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