

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 342  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2024**

**BSNL NETWORK CONNECTIONS**

**†342 SHRI GANESH SINGH:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the network of BSNL is very poor, due to which the consumers in large numbers are surrendering BSNL connections;
- (b) whether 5G network has started its operation in some areas of the country while in other areas 2G and 3G network services are not even working properly;
- (c) if so, the time by which the said anomaly is going to end;
- (d) whether BSNL towers are likely to be installed in the remote villages like Chitrakoot, Baraundha, Karigohi, Parasmaniya, Maudha, Khamaria, Makandey and Shivrajpur under Parliamentary Constituency, Satna; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said work is likely to be completed?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (e) Telecom services provided by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) are meeting most of the Quality of Service (QoS) parameters as per Performance Monitoring Report (PMR) of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).

As of April 2024, out of 6,44,131 villages in the country (village data as per Registrar General of India), around 6,20,629 villages i.e. 96.35% villages are covered with mobile connectivity. To further improve telecom connectivity in the country, Government is implementing various schemes.

- A total of 41,160 mobile towers have been sanctioned with an outlay of Rs. 41,331 Cr to provide 4G connectivity to about 55 thousand villages.
- Scope of BharatNet program has been expanded to connect all inhabited villages with an outlay of Rs. 1.88 Lakh Cr.

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