

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1516  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2024**

**FINANCIAL CONDITION OF MTNL EMPLOYEES**

**1516. SHRI ANIL YESHWANT DESAI:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the financial position, number of employees and assets and liabilities of MTNL prior to 2020 when VRS was offered to its employees and the number of employees and financial condition of the MTNL as on March 31, 2024;
- (b) whether Government made any assessment about the reasons for such huge losses incurred by the State- run-undertaking if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether any responsibility against those officers or employees who have ever been fixed, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) The number of employees in MTNL was 21,708 as on 31.03.2019, which has gone down to 3,309 as on 31.03.2024. The details in respect of financial position and assets and liabilities of MTNL is published by MTNL in its annual report and available on its website.

MTNL has been incurring losses mainly due to stiff competition in the mobile segment, absence of 4G services, debt burden and high employee cost.

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