

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 333
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH NOVEMBER, 2024**

BSNL SUBSCRIBERS

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of subscribers to BSNL's Landline, Mobile Service and WiFi since 2014, State-wise;
- (b) the total number of BSNL's communication towers and the number leased out or rented out to private rival service providers in each State and the revenue earned therefrom;
- (c) the reasons for the delay in rolling out BSNL's 4G and 5G services; and
- (d) the details of spectrum auction to and revenue earned from the service providers since 2019, Company/Firm-wise?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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- (a) The circle wise details of mobile subscribers of the Telecom Service Providers as collected and published by TRAI from time to time are available on their website. The details in respect of BSNL's Wi-Fi subscribers is attached as **Annexure-I**.
- (b) The circle-wise details in respect of number of towers of BSNL, leased out to private telecom service providers and the revenue earned is attached as **Annexure-II**.
- (c) In line with Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, BSNL has placed purchase order for indigenously developed 4G sites for pan India deployment. Supply of 4G equipment started from September 2023 and as on 31.10.2024, total 50,708 4G sites have been installed and 41,957 sites are ON-Air. The 4G equipment is 5G upgradable.
- (d) The details are attached as **Annexure-III**.

Annexure-I**Number of BSNL's Wi-Fi Users****(Year ending March)**

S.No	Unit Name	2014 and 2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1	Andaman/Nicobar	Not Reported	3,40,655*	2,834	3,148	1,260	3,459	264	3,481	2,117	85
2	Andhra Pradesh			26,786	38,048	28,722	39,784	30,769	16,091	16,718	4,407
3	Assam			791	6,264	4,334	8,150	5,653	2,079	848	200
4	Bihar			732	774	678	9,804	7,637	12,570	17,481	17,684
5	Chhattisgarh			8,443	10,475	12,088	13,737	12,979	6,384	9,898	4,378
6	Gujarat			24,949	90,920	1,24,981	1,55,451	1,29,077	2,10,953	2,02,134	1,21,075
7	Haryana			2,151	18,609	16,592	28,597	21,976	4,655	1,317	50
8	Himachal Pradesh			4,12	9,055	5,307	7,353	4,824	980	3,332	5
9	Jammu & Kashmir			5,28	2,006	3,031	13,288	9,517	7,543	7,316	461
10	Jharkhand			9,82	3,070	12,680	13,935	8,232	1,895	10,254	8,764
11	Karnataka			57,969	69,667	36,967	21,385	14,324	4,836	3,627	278
12	Kerala			18,207	85,649	2,80,729	3,90,900	3,64,352	3,63,378	3,17,230	2,12,149
13	Madhya Pradesh			12,340	24,487	27,447	48,935	35,786	20,011	7,461	3,217
14	Maharashtra			89,733	65,918	80,862	1,08,023	43,625	26,599	25,140	6,823
15	North East - I			0	3,531	2,435	5,426	2,836	2,263	794	869
16	North East - II			0	3,408	2,230	16,316	9,460	7,665	4,564	161
17	Orissa			1,374	6,768	5,120	12,243	6,321	2,620	2,768	88
18	Punjab			352	14,673	17,396	40,353	26,051	6,474	2,967	54
19	Rajasthan			2,145	14,010	17,900	53,382	42,823	15,161	7,620	2,649
20	Tamil Nadu & Chennai			15,715	18,320	16,852	28,205	19,101	12,955	12,034	1,643
21	Uttaranchal			1,354	7,512	6,050	8,354	8,164	2,368	1,262	12
22	Uttar Pradesh (E)			3,765	23,608	17,382	18,729	9,536	25,344	16,558	13,834
23	Uttar Pradesh (W)			1,053	19,416	14,255	12,497	8,648			
24	West Bengal			70	6,391	956	10,544	3,311	7,821	7,227	3,361

25	Calcutta			0	14,076	3,550	3,465	1,921			
26	Telangana			24,009	27,799	19,032	20,335	21,856	14460	14,317	4,353
27	Sikkim			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total		3,40,655*	2,96,694	5,87,602	7,58,836	10,92,650	8,49,043	7,78,586	6,94,984	4,06,600

(*Consolidated Data)

(For Lok Sabha USQ No. 333 for answer on 27.11.2024)

Annexure II

Circle wise number of towers of BSNL, leased out and revenue earned, as on 31.03.2024

Sl. No.	Circle Name	Total BSNL Towers	Total Towers Leased out	Revenue Earned (in Rs. Crore)
1	Andaman Nicobar	178	15	0.71
2	Andhra Pradesh & Telangana	5,763	1,480	130.48
3	Assam	1,415	123	9.43
4	Bihar	1,852	110	6.16
5	Chhattisgarh	1,663	199	14.24
6	Chennai Telephones	1,258	95	8.87
7	Kolkata Td	814	274	23.80
8	Gujarat	4,665	630	61.20
9	Himachal Pradesh	1,039	311	20.42
10	Haryana	1,531	286	20.12
11	Jammu & Kashmir	953	62	5.73
12	Jharkhand	1,188	94	7.12
13	Kerala	4,360	1,211	116.43
14	Karnataka	4,158	1,211	92.46
15	Maharashtra	6,052	1,098	98.18
16	Madhya Pradesh	5,339	691	55.65
17	North East-1	635	71	6.70
18	North East-2	676	62	4.38
19	Odisha	2,471	482	28.42
20	Punjab	2,326	652	56.59
21	Rajasthan	3,915	882	80.25
22	Tamil Nadu	4,785	860	71.13
23	Uttarakhand	1,024	343	24.56
24	Uttar Pradesh East	4,667	499	37.08
25	Uttar Pradesh West	2,261	263	32.13
26	West Bengal	2,352	498	44.27
	Total	67,340	12,502	1,056.51

Annexure III

The details of spectrum auction and revenue earned since 2019

S.No	Spectrum Auction Year	Telecom Service Provider (successful bidder)	Quantum won (in MHz)	Revenue (in Rs. Cr.)
1.	2021	Bharti Airtel Ltd. (incl. Bharti Hexacom Ltd.)	355.45	18,699
		Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd.	488.35	57,123
		Vodafone Idea Ltd.	11.80	1,993
2.	2022	Adani Data Networks Ltd.	400	212
		Bharti Airtel Ltd. (incl. Bharti Hexacom Ltd.)	19,867.80	43,084
		Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd.	24,740	88,078
		Vodafone Idea Ltd.	6,228.40	18,799
3.	2024	Bharti Airtel Ltd. (incl. Bharti Hexacom Ltd.)	97	6,857
		Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd.	14.40	974
		Vodafone Idea Ltd.	30	3,510
