

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2300
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH MARCH, 2025**

PROMOTION OF BSNL AND MTNL

†2300. SMT. GENIBEN NAGAJI THAKOR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken by the Government to promote BSNL and MTNL;
- (b) whether the said companies are being privatised by the Government; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Government has taken various steps to promote BSNL and MTNL as mentioned below:
 - In 2019, first revival package amounting to around Rs. 69 Thousand Crores was given that brought down the operating costs of BSNL/MTNL.
 - In 2022, revival package amounting to around Rs. 1.64 Lakh Crores was given. It focused on infusing fresh capital, restructuring debt, viability gap funding for rural telephony etc.
 - In 2023, Government approved the allotment of 4G/5G spectrum to BSNL with the total outlay of around Rs. 89 Thousand Crores.
 - In addition to these revival packages, the Union Cabinet on 07.02.2025 has approved an additional CAPEX support of Rs. 6,982 Crores to BSNL.

As a result of these packages, BSNL has started earning operating profits from F.Y. 2020-21.

- (b) & (c) No.
