

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3042  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2025**

**REVIVAL AND RESTRUCTURING OF BSNL**

**3042. ADV DEAN KURIAKOSE:  
SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:  
SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:  
ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the revival and restructuring efforts of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL);
- (b) the total amount of financial assistance provided to BSNL under the Government's revival packages since 2019;
- (c) the challenges affecting BSNL's competitiveness and the Government's strategy to address them; and
- (d) the status of BSNL's 4G and 5G rollout and the timeline for its nationwide implementation?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) & (b) Government has taken various steps for revival of BSNL 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 Cabinet Note for additional CAPEX support of Rs. 6,982 Crores has been approved on 07.02.2025.

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

- (c) & (d) Lack of 4G services on full scale and stiff competition in the Telecom Sector are some of the challenges affecting the BSNL's competitiveness. In line with Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, BSNL has placed purchase order for indigenously developed 4G sites for pan India deployment. Supply of 4G equipment has started from September 2023 and as on 05.03.2025, total 83,629 4G sites have been installed and 74,123 sites are ON-Air. The equipment is 5G upgradable.

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