

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3161
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH MARCH, 2025**

BSNL MARKET SHARE IN BIHAR

3161. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has the lowest market share in Bihar compared to other States and if so, the reasons for the same;
- (b) the details of BSNL's market share across the country along with State-wise and especially, district and company-wise breakup for Bihar;
- (c) the steps taken or proposed by the Government to strengthen BSNL's presence, improve service quality and expand network coverage in Bihar and across the Country; and
- (d) the status of BSNL's 4G and 5G rollout in Bihar along with a comparison of its network expansion with private telecom operators?

ANSWER

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

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) The State-wise number of subscribers (wireless and wireline) as on 31.12.2024 is enclosed at **Annexure – I**. Details of number of subscribers in the State of Bihar as on 31.12.2024 is enclosed at **Annexure – II**.
- (c) & (d) In line with Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, BSNL has placed purchase order for 1 Lakh indigenously developed 4G sites for pan India deployment, including 2,958 4G sites for Bihar. Supply of 4G equipment has started from September 2023 and as on 08.03.2025, total 83,993 4G sites including 2,600 4G sites in Bihar have been installed and 74,521 sites including 2,276 sites in Bihar are ON-Air. The equipment is 5G upgradable.

The State-wise number of subscribers (wireless and wireline) as on 31.12.2024

S. No	State/ UT Name	Number of wireless subscribers as on 31.12.2024		Number of wireline subscribers as on 31.12.2024	
		Number of subscribers across all TSPs	Subscribers of M/s BSNL	Number of subscribers across all TSPs	Subscribers of M/s BSNL
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	4,89,024	2,26,652	34,911	34,911
2	Andhra Pradesh	4,20,48,037	45,36,422	2,559,510	300,923
3	Arunachal Pradesh	12,51,429	1,48,522	19,531	4,259
4	Assam	2,60,77,704	29,92,345	416,442	70,238
5	Bihar	7,05,14,484	43,47,344	926,642	87,785
6	Chandigarh	17,64,578	1,94,547	303,054	39,108
7	Chattisgarh	2,09,69,206	21,41,444	480,119	79,757
8	Dadar & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu	9,22,922	10,833	9,698	5,556
9	Delhi	3,49,60,633	-	4,288,264	-
10	Goa	23,92,672	1,20,809	64,281	47,203
11	Gujarat	6,40,42,488	33,07,476	1,945,260	272,016
12	Haryana	3,52,12,247	41,59,824	950,760	221,829
13	Himachal Pradesh	88,25,306	16,66,376	201,160	87,985
14	Jammu & Kashmir	1,16,15,520	7,28,408	480,421	56,820
15	Jharkhand	2,43,49,942	16,19,163	443,626	53,869
16	Karnataka	6,78,74,969	45,71,164	3,763,238	507,766
17	Kerela	4,12,22,082	86,70,146	1,644,124	1,063,424
18	Ladakh	5,40,774	1,43,749	4,570	1,909
19	Lakshdweep	66,502	59,896	7,604	7,604
20	Madhya Pradesh	5,88,51,097	29,92,619	1,656,852	156,381
21	Maharashtra	12,22,10,038	53,50,116	5,550,572	433,053
22	Manipur	23,77,288	59,321	78,665	9,476
23	Meghalaya	25,89,139	3,24,647	70,756	16,508
24	Mizoram	13,57,875	2,19,256	43,106	7,907
25	Nagaland	16,66,075	58,464	41,878	3,412
26	Odisha	3,43,46,098	55,73,321	617,524	127,289
27	Puduchery	14,09,802	3,37,516	68,543	50,327
28	Punjab	3,20,14,293	39,02,683	1,669,665	476,238
29	Rajasthan	6,43,13,762	56,12,098	1,281,148	235,827
30	Sikkim	7,83,543	75,828	8,526	4,734
31	Tamil Nadu	7,59,91,121	76,05,539	3,117,770	806,867
32	Telangana	4,04,60,642	22,88,989	1,615,055	198,372
33	Tripura	32,00,563	4,78,287	54,823	15,702
34	Uttar Pradesh	16,36,00,553	1,20,90,874	2,609,705	193,423

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35	Uttarakhand	1,20,79,832	14,77,066	441,702	59,495
36	West Bengal	7,82,64,393	38,55,477	1,798,516	317,171
Total		1,15,06,56,633	9,19,47,221	39,268,021	6,055,144

Details of number of subscribers in the State of Bihar as on 31.12.2024

S.No	Telecom Service Provider	Number of Wireless subscribers	Number of Wireline subscribers
1	Bharti Airtel Ltd.	31,372,822	317,765
2	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	4,347,344	87,785
3	Reliance Communications Ltd.	0	3
4	Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd.	28,075,730	511,204
5	Vodafone Idea Ltd.	6,718,588	4,363
6	Tata Teleservices	--	5,522
	Total	70,514,484	926,642
