

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5138
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND APRIL, 2025**

DISINVESTMENT IN BSNL AND MTNL

5138. SHRI SHAFI PARAMBIL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has plan to disinvest in BSNL and MTNL;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether BSNL and MTNL been fully equipped with 5G spectrum to ensure competitiveness in market;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor not providing 5G services in BSNL and MTNL?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) No.

(c) to (e) The Government has reserved spectrum in 700 MHz, 3300 MHz and 26 GHZ to BSNL for providing 5G services. In line with Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, BSNL has placed purchase order for 1 Lakh indigenously developed 4G sites for pan India deployment including Delhi and Mumbai. Supply of 4G equipment has started from September 2023 and as on 08.03.2025, total 83,993 4G sites have been installed and 74,521 sites are ON-Air. The equipment is upgradable to 5G.
