

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Need for upgradation of Base Tower Stations of BSNL -laid.

SHRI KESINENI SRINIVASA (VIJAYAWADA) : It is a well known fact that the infrastructural expansion of BSNL's 4G roll-out has been facing impediments for many years now. In October last year, the Central Government came out with a Revival Plan for BSNL and MTNL. There have been many delays in meeting the targets of the plan. Of the five points mentioned in the plan, only one pertaining to sovereign bonds has been met — that too a few months back. Apart from this, it has been eleven months since the Plan was announced and it is nowhere near completion.

In this regard, I would urge for the immediate upgradation of Base Tower Stations making them 4G enabled. In addition to this, the surplus land monetisation ought to be taken out at market price and through fair and transparent means. Taking such steps would pump life into the dormant industry and help in its revival.