

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS  
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1193  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2022  
TELECOM PSUS**

**1193. DR. BEESETTI VENKATA SATYAVATHI:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the telecom PSUs currently operating in the country including their financial performance during the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government has any plans to formulate a revival plan for the loss-making telecom PSUs;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to privatize any telecom PSU; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS  
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)**

(a) The Financial Performance of PSUs under Department of Telecommunications for the last three financial years is at **Annexure-I**.

(b) & (c) On 23.10.2019, Government of India approved the revival plan for BSNL and MTNL. It inter-alia approved the reduction in employee costs through Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS), debt restructuring by raising of sovereign guarantee bonds, administrative allotment of spectrum for 4G services through capital infusion, monetization of core and non-core assets and in-principle approval of merger of BSNL and MTNL. As a result of these, BSNL and MTNL have become EBITDA (Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization) positive since the financial year 2020-21.

Further, to transform BSNL into a viable Public Sector Undertaking, the Government on 27.07.2022 approved a revival package for BSNL amounting to Rs 1.64 lakhs crores. The revival measures approved by the Cabinet focus on infusing fresh capital for upgrading BSNL services, allocating spectrum, de-stressing its balance sheet and augmenting its fibre network by merging Bharat Broadband Nigam Limited (BBNL) with BSNL. With the implementation of these measures, BSNL is expected to turn-around and become a profit earning entity.

(d) & (e) Disinvestment of Telecom PSUs will be taken up as per new Public Sector Enterprise policy for Atma Nirbhar Bharat announced in February 2021.

## Annexure-I

<b>Financial year</b>	<b>Revenue Rs. In Cr</b>	<b>Profit/(Loss) after tax Rs. In Cr</b>
<b>ITI Ltd</b>		
2021-22	2115.3	<b>121.06</b>
2020-21	2523.55	<b>11.2</b>
2019-20	2242.76	<b>147.48</b>
<b>TCIL</b>		
2021-22	1595.69	<b>30.32</b>
2020-21	1765.8	<b>52.76</b>
2019-20	1755.76	<b>-55.66</b>
<b>BSNL</b>		
2021-22	19,052	<b>-6,982</b>
2020-21	18,595	<b>-7,441</b>
2019-20	18,907	<b>-15,500</b>
<b>MTNL</b>		
2021-22	1,697	<b>-2,602</b>
2020-21	1,788	<b>-2,462</b>
2019-20	2,227	<b>-3,696</b>

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