

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1790
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13TH DECEMBER, 2023**

BSNL AND MTNL

1790. SHRI SHYAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the state-owned telecom companies BSNL and MTNL are profitable;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps taken by the Government to revive them; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to make BSNL and MTNL competitive against private sector telecom companies?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Government has taken various steps for revival of BSNL and MTNL by providing a revival package in 2019 amounting to around Rs. 69,021 Crore that brought down the operating costs of BSNL/MTNL. The revival package of 2022 amounting to around Rs. 1.64 Lakh Crore was focused on infusing fresh capital, restructuring debt, Viability Gap funding for rural telephony etc. As a result, BSNL and MTNL have started earning operational profits from 2020-21.

In addition, the Union Cabinet on 07.06.2023 approved the allotment of 4G/5G spectrum to BSNL with the total outlay of around Rs. 89,047 Crore through equity infusion.

In accordance with Atmanirbhar initiative of the Government, BSNL has placed purchase orders for 1 Lakh indigenously developed sites to rollout 4G services. BSNL is also focusing on home fiber segment and has provided 32,99,535 Fiber to the Home (FTTH) broadband connections as on 30.09.2023.
