

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:356

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4G Services

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the 4G services have been introduced across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, operator and State-wise and if not, the reasons therefor and the action taken by the Government to introduce the said service across the country;
- (c) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) have not introduced 4G services so far and, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the telecom PSUs are facing financial constraints and the shortage of electronic components in launching of the service; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken by the Government in this regard as well as for launching of 4G Service?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.356 FOR 23rd DECEMBER, 2015 REGARDING "4G SERVICES".

(a) to (e) The licences granted to various telecom service providers for providing for Access Services stipulates provisioning of voice and non-voice services. The telecom service providers are free to provide various bouquet of services including 4G services by deploying various technologies as per their commercial decisions. Voice/DataServices being provided by using Long Term Evolution (LTE) technology are commonly known as 4G services.

The details of operators who are using LTE technology enclosed as Annexure I.

BSNL and MTNL have not introduced 4G services so far. Both these PSUs are currently involved in turn around and revival and improvement in their existing services. This has started showing result.

There is no shortage of electronic components in launching of the services.