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Title: Regarding taking immediate steps for converting BSNL into 4G and 5G.

SHRI M.I. SHANAVAS (WAYANAD): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards the state of affairs of BSNL. In a highly competitive environment prevailing in the cellular services, it seems that BSNL is deliberately lagging behind in terms of competitiveness and decided not to acquire an edge over the private players.

All the private players in the cellular field have converted themselves into 4G whereas BSNL and MTNL are still in the 3G form. Even the private players are going in for 5G. We all MPs are allowed only to use BSNL and MTNL.

The revenue market shares of Airtel, Idea, Vodafone and Reliance Communication, in first quarter of 2017, have registered 35.5 per cent, 42.2 per cent, 17 per cent growth respectively while BSNL is only at 5.1 per cent.

Therefore, I urge upon the Government to take immediate steps for converting BSNL into 4G and 5G so that we will be at par with the private players. Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir.

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Shri Rajeev Satav and Shri M.B. Rajesh are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri M.I. Shanavas.

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