

Unavailability of 4G services in MTNL

†1422. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that MTNL does not have spectrum for 4G services and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether Government is proposing to shut down MTNL; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor and if not, the reasons for failure of Government for equity infusion in this company?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (c) Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) does not have spectrum for 4G services. A comprehensive revival plan for MTNL including allotment of spectrum for providing 4G services to MTNL is under preparation.

Allocation of 4G spectrum to BSNL

1423. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 4G spectrum has been allotted to Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (c) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) had requested for the allotment of spectrum in 800 MHz and 2100 MHz bands for providing 4G services in different service areas. The request of BSNL is under consideration in the department. This matter involves allocation of the spectrum on administrative basis.

Allocation of 4G spectrum to MTNL

1424. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that private companies are launching 5G but Government is not allowing the allocation of 4G spectrum to State owned BSNL and MTNL and if so, the reasons therefor;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.