

Measures taken to improve BSNL networks

1615. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is fully responsible for BSNL networks across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) what are the measures taken by Ministry to improve BSNL networks across country; and
- (d) what is the Total loss of BSNL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI DHOTRE SANJAY SHAMRAO): (a) and (b) Bharat Sanchar Network Limited (BSNL) is a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) under the administrative control of Department of Telecommunications (DoT). However, BSNL is a Board driven company and takes decisions in the best interest of the organisation for providing telecom services including the network issues.

(c) Union Government approved the revival plan for BSNL on 23.10.2019. The revival plan *inter-alia* includes, administrative allotment of spectrum to BSNL for launching 4G services. With 4G services, BSNL will provide improved and high speed services to its subscribers throughout the country.

(d) BSNL has informed that its Total accumulated loss during the current Financial Year *i.e.* 2019-20 (upto 31.12.2019) is ₹ 39,089 crore.

Next-generation wireless technology

1616. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a policy decision to bring in the next-generation wireless technology by the year 2020, if so, the contours thereof;
- (b) how would 5G be different from 4G or any previous generation technologies in real terms and the details thereof; and