

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 340
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND JULY, 2021**

INSTALLATION OF RADIO ACCESS NETWORK

340 Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Department of Telecommunications is looking at the option of splitting the Bharat Sanchar Nigam limited (BSNL) contract for installing 4G equipment across the country and has it suggested that BSNL should proceed with the existing expression of interest which was floated in January and is reserved exclusively for domestic vendors in consonance with India's focus on 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' to install 50,000 radio access networks; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and progress made as on date?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) There is no proposal for splitting the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited's (BSNL) contract for installing 4G equipment across the country. In line with the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiative of the Government of India, BSNL has proceeded with the Expression of Interest (EoI) on 01.01.2021 for Proof of Concept (PoC) from Indian Companies interested in participating in BSNL's upcoming 4G tender. Letter of Intent (LoI) has been issued to 5 eligible bidders on 01.07.2021.
