

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1942
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th AUGUST, 2021**

PAYMENT TO BSNL EMPLOYEES

1942# Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of employees who worked in BSNL and the number of employees who have taken VRS;
- (b) the outstanding amount to be paid to BSNL by the department, by when Government would pay this amount;
- (c) the amount already paid to the employees who took VRS and the details of the outstanding amount; and
- (d) the details of the provision made for VRS and capital expenditure in the budget of year 2020-21 and the details of the expenditure incurred?

ANSWER

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

(a) Total number of employees of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) as on 01.01.2020 were 1,49,577. 78,323 employees, thereafter have retired voluntarily under Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS).

(b) & (c) In respect of employees who opted for VRS, no amount is outstanding to be paid to BSNL by the Department. The Government has paid Rs.13,542.05 crores to BSNL towards ex-gratia for the employees who opted for VRS. BSNL has informed that in very few cases, it has not paid ex-gratia to those employees where vigilance clearance and caste certificate verification is pending.

(d) Detail of the provisions made for VRS in the budget and the expenditure incurred during the year 2019-20 and 2020-21 are as under:

(Rupees in crores)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Actuals 2019-2020	RE 2020-21	Actuals 2020-21
1.	Incremental pension for BSNL employees who opted for VRS	256.86	1,864.74	2,382.19
2.	Ex-gratia payment to BSNL employees who opted for VRS	4,196.00	9,404.50	9,346.05
TOTAL		4,452.86	11,269.24	11,728.24

Detail of the provisions made for Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) for BSNL in the budget of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and the expenditure incurred during year 2020-21 are as under:

DoT's Budget for BSNL (Gross Capital Expenditure)

(Rupees in crores)

Particulars	BE 2020-21	RE 2020-21	Actuals 2020-21
Capital infusion in BSNL for 4G spectrum [#]	14,115.00	0.00	0.00
Establishment of Satellite Gateway Assistance to BSNL	10.00	11.52	11.52
Total (Gross)	14,125.00	11.52	11.52

In order to synchronise the allotment of spectrum for 4G with procurement of equipment for 4G network, funds for spectrum for providing 4G services have been allotted in the budget of FY 2021-22.
