

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2294
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17TH DECEMBER, 2021**

4G UPGRADATION OF BSNL

2294# SHRI ABDUL WAHAB:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) how long would it take for pan-India completion of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) 4G networks roll out;
- (b) the predicaments in completing the project;
- (c) whether it is a fact that Government has insisted BSNL to use equipment completely built in India, regardless of such a condition hurting the financial interests of the company; and
- (d) if so, whether Government has insisted other telecom providers to use equipment completely built in India during their respective network upgradation processes?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) invited the Expression of Interest (EoI) on 01.01.2021 for Proof of Concept (PoC) for Indian Companies interested in participating in BSNL's upcoming 4G tender. BSNL has informed that it may progressively roll out its pan-India 4G services after completion of PoC. The Government has asked BSNL only to provide 4G services with Indian Core equipment under Atma-nirbhar initiative of the Government of India.
