

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1167
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH FEBRUARY, 2022**

FILLING UP OF VACANCIES IN BSNL AND MTNL

1167 SHRI P. WILSON:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- a) whether Government has any details of the number of employees of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) who have sought voluntary retirement during 2016-2021 in different posts across the country, especially in Tamil Nadu;
- b) the steps taken by Government to fill up the resultant vacancies in BSNL and MTNL with a definite time-frame 2016-2021; and
- c) If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) The number of employees of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) who have sought voluntary retirement during the period (2016-2021) in different posts are as under:

	Executive	Non-executive	Total
BSNL (Total)	14761	68111	82872
BSNL (Tamil Nadu)	1298	4415	5713
MTNL	1594	13288	14882

(b) & (c) Voluntary Retirement Scheme, 2019 was approved by Government of India on 23.10.2019 to reduce staff cost in BSNL/MTNL as part of revival plan. As per VRS 2019 scheme of BSNL and MTNL, the posts falling vacant under VRS Scheme have been abolished.
