

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1173
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH FEBRUARY, 2022**

BSNL NETWORK IN ASSAM

1173 SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- a) whether it is a fact that Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) network is still used by a large number of people across the country including Assam;
- b) if so, the details thereof;
- c) the reforms undertaken by the Ministry to update the service of BSNL in Assam; and
- d) how many towers are newly sanctioned for Assam?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) network is used by a large number of people across the country including Assam. The details of wireline and wireless subscribers of BSNL as on 30.11.2021 are as follow:

	All India BSNL (in lakh)		Assam BSNL (in lakh)	
	Wireline	Wireless	Wireline	Wireless
Subscriber base as on 30.11.2021	76.48	1131.31	1.03	31.27

(c) & (d) BSNL augments its telecom network in its areas of operation including Assam to update its services based on techno-commercial considerations.

In line with Atmanirbhar initiative, 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. The Government has also approved a revival plan for BSNL on 23.10.2019 which inter-alia includes administrative allotment of spectrum for providing 4G services with funding through budgetary allocation.
