

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 864
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH FEBRUARY, 2024**

REVIVAL OF BSNL

864 Dr. V. Sivadasan:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the details regarding the expenditure of ₹ 1.64 lakh crore revival package proclaimed by Government in 2022;
- (b) how much of it has been spent so far;
- (c) the details of debt or liabilities restructured;
- (d) the various heads under which expenditure has been made; and
- (e) list of areas which has 4G service facilities provided by BSNL after the revival package?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e) Government has taken various steps for revival of BSNL and MTNL.

- In 2019, first revival package amounting to around Rs. 69 thousand Crore that brought down the operating costs of BSNL/MTNL.
- In 2022, revival package amounting to around Rs. 1.64 Lakh Crore was given. It focused on infusing fresh capital, restructuring debt, viability gap funding for rural telephony etc.
- In 2023, Government approved the third package with the total outlay of around Rs. 89 thousand Cr.

As a result of these packages, BSNL/MTNL have started earning operating profits from FY 2020-21.

BSNL/MTNL is rolling out indigenously developed 4G/5G telecom stack.

As part of the revival strategy, BSNL/MTNL is focusing on home fiber connections. More than 34 Lakh home fiber connections have been provided as on date.

Government has incurred requisite expenditure in terms of capex support, spectrum allotment, conversion of AGR dues, etc. in terms of these packages.
