

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1928  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2024**

**5G SERVICES BY BSNL**

**1928 SHRI K.R.N. RAJESHKUMAR:**

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning to provide 5G services through the BSNL and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that BSNL is facing competition difficulty due to delaying the provision of 5G and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for the delayed provision of 4G and 5G services by the BSNL; and
- (d) the measures taken by Government to ensure the state-of-the-art technological facilities through BSNL?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
(DR. PEMMASANI CHANDRA SEKHAR)**

(a) to (d) In line with Atmanirbhar initiative, BSNL has placed purchase order for indigenously developed 4G sites for pan India deployment which are upgradable to 5G. Supply of 4G equipment has started from September 2023.

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