

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 333
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH JULY, 2024**

**INSTALLATION OF NEW BSNL TOWER AND STRENGTHENING OF NETWORK IN
TAMIL NADU**

333 SHRI K.R.N. RAJESHKUMAR:

Will the Minister of *Communications* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received any representation regarding installation of a new BSNL tower and strengthening the network in Namakkal district in Tamil Nadu, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government plans to upgrade existing 2G, 3G sites to 4G considering the demand of consumers in Namakkal district, the details thereof;
- (c) the estimated timeline of 4G site upgrade projects in Namakkal district of Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) whether many 4G saturation projects in the Namakkal district are under consideration for approval from the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF), if so, the estimated timeline for the approval and completion of the project?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) Representation from Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar, Hon'ble Member of Parliament was received regarding installation of new BSNL tower and strengthening the network in Namakkal district in Tamil Nadu.

A total of 179 towers in Namakkal district of Tamil Nadu are proposed to be upgraded to 4G by BSNL. Supply of 4G equipment has been started from September, 2023.

Further, under 4G Saturation Project, 24 new towers are planned in Namakkal district, Tamil Nadu.
