

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2260
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH MARCH, 2025**

BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR BSNL

2260 SHRI MOHAMMED NADIMUL HAQUE:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for the 59 per cent reduction in budget allocation to BSNL in the Budget 2025 as compared to the previous year; and
- (b) whether Government has assessed the impact of reduced financial support on BSNL's ability to compete with private telecom players in terms of service quality, capacity expansion and technological advancements, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) The Union Cabinet in year 2019, 2022 and 2023 approved revival packages for BSNL worth Rs. 3,29,364 Crore. While approving the revival package, Union Cabinet also approved the yearly fund allocation/disbursement to BSNL. In accordance with the approval, so far Rs. 1,62,147 Crore has been released to BSNL through budgetary provision starting from the FY 2019-2020. Rs. 72,028 Crore is provisioned for current FY 2024-25. Since, majority of the fund is already allotted by Government to BSNL, the remaining fund is being allotted to BSNL in next Financial Year as per Cabinet approval and fund requirement of BSNL.

On account of fund support to BSNL under revival packages approved by Union Cabinet, BSNL is able to roll out 4G services, which will help BSNL in competing with other telecom service providers as well. Recently, the Union Cabinet further approved an additional amount of Rs. 6,982 Crore as CAPEX support to BSNL to accelerate their 4G network expansion. Hence, the revival packages have helped BSNL in continuing its current operations and to plan its future services also.
