

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 63
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2nd FEBRUARY, 2018**

LAUNCH OF 4G SERVICES BY BSNL

63. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that BSNL is planning to launch 4G services in all the 22 circles in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that BSNL has submitted a detailed project report to Government for acquiring another 5 MHz in the 2100 MHz band in 22 circles; and
- (d) whether the cost for this is around Rs. 9600 to Rs. 10,000 crore for which 50 per cent will be through more equity for Government in BSNL while the rest will be paid in annual installments?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

(a) & (b) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has plans for introduction of 4G services in its network by installing 10,000 Base Transceiver Stations (BTS) in its Licensed Service Areas (LSAs).

(c) & (d) BSNL has submitted a Detailed Project Report (DPR) to the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) for allotting 5MHz spectrum in 2100 MHz band in all its LSAs except for Rajasthan where it has asked 5MHz in 800 MHz band. BSNL has sought from the DoT Rs.6652 crore as equity infusion out of total spectrum cost of Rs.13885 crore. BSNL will pay the balance Rs. 7233 crore of spectrum cost in ten annual installments from its internal accruals.
