

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 233
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH MARCH, 2021**

ISSUES PERTAINING TO BSNL AND MTNL

†*233. SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and details of the employees of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) since the year 2014 till date;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to merge BSNL and MTNL and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of funds spent by BSNL and MTNL every year since 2010; and
- (d) the details of annual profit/loss registered by both the companies every year since 2010?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS, LAW & JUSTICE AND
ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)**

- (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 233 FOR 10TH MARCH, 2021 REGARDING “ISSUES PERTAINING TO BSNL AND MTNL ”.

(a) The number and details of employees of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) since the year 2014 are as under:

Year (as on)	BSNL			MTNL		
	Executives	Non-Executives	Total	Executives	Non-Executives	Total
31.03.2014	47768	190509	238277	5075	31448	36523
31.03.2015	46694	178818	225512	4534	29236	33770
31.03.2016	44906	166180	211086	4354	26716	31070
31.03.2017	45354	151094	196448	3925	23994	27919
31.03.2018	48455	135067	183522	3561	21630	25191
31.03.2019	47116	119858	166974	3127	18581	21708
31.03.2020	30887	38937	69824	1288	2897	4185

(b) The Government approved the revival plan for BSNL and MTNL on 23.10.2019 which inter-alia included in-principle approval for merger of BSNL and MTNL. However, due to financial reasons including high debt of MTNL, the merger of MTNL with BSNL is deferred. However, close co-operation and service integration between BSNL and MTNL has been undertaken.

(c) & (d) The details of expenditure and annual profit/loss for the financial year 2010-11 to 2019-20 of BSNL and MTNL are as under:

(in Rs. crores)

Financial Year	BSNL		MTNL	
	Total expenditure	Profit/ (Loss)	Total expenditure	Profit/ (Loss)
2010-11	36,002	(6384)	6314	(2802)
2011-12	36,586	(8851)	6720	(4110)
2012-13	34,899	(7884)	7836	(5321)
2013-14	34,929	(7019)	5480	7825
2014-15	37,291	(8234)	5284	(2893)
2015-16	37,270	(4875)	5054	(2006)
2016-17	36,327	(4793)	5049	(2971)
2017-18	33,809	(7993)	4584	(2971)
2018-19	34,225	(14904)	4293	(3398)
2019-20	34,406	(15500)	3981	(3811)
2020-21* (up to 30.09.2020)	12,368	(3607)	2111	(1220)

* The financial figures of FY 2020-21 are provisional and un-audited.
