**Question No-1435**

Proposal to lay off BSNL employees

1435  Shri Dhiraj Prasad Sahu

(a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is incurring heavy losses and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it has reportedly approved the proposal to lay off over 54,000 employees; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS, LAW & JUSTICE AND ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) Details of losses incurred by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) during the last five years are as under:

(Rs. in crore)

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Loss</th>
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<td>2014-15</td>
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<td>2015-16</td>
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<td>2016-17</td>
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<td>2017-18</td>
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<td>2018-19*</td>
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* provisional and unaudited

(b) & (c) BSNL has informed that no proposal to lay off over 54,000 employees has been approved by BSNL.
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
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Revenue from enterprises division of BSNL

Shri K. R. Arjunan

(a) whether BSNL has collected a record of ` 6,500 crore in revenue from enterprises division;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that BSNL has been ailing because of high revenue to wage ratio;

(d) whether it is also a fact that BSNL has the lowest debt of `14,000 crore among all telecom operators; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a)&(b) Income of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited ( BSNL) from Enterprise Business during FY 2018-19 is Rs. 2967.26 crore (unaudited and provisional).

(c) The Salary to Revenue ratio of BSNL for the last five years is as under:

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<td>Employee Benefits Expenses/ Salary (Rs. in crore)</td>
<td>14963</td>
<td>15369</td>
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<td>Revenue (Rs. in crore)</td>
<td>28645</td>
<td>32411</td>
<td>31533</td>
<td>25071</td>
<td>19308</td>
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<td>Salary to Revenue ratio(%)</td>
<td>52</td>
<td>48</td>
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(d) & (e) BSNL has informed that as on 31.03.2019, it has a debt of Rs.16,788 crore, which is the lowest amongst the major telecom operators.