

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 204  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2019**

**REVIVAL/RESTRUCTURING OF BSNL**

**\*204. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether BSNL has incurred losses consecutively during the last three years and has been declared as 'Incipient Sick' as per the guidelines of Department of Public Enterprises (DPEs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken for preparation of revival/ restructuring plan of BSNL;
- (c) whether BSNL is unable to make arrangement for payment of salary to its employees; and
- (d) if so, the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to protect a large number of its employees?

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.

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**STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF RAJYA SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 204 FOR 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2019 ON “REVIVAL/RESTRUCTURING OF BSNL ”.**

(a) & (b) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has been incurring losses since 2009-10. As per Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) guidelines, BSNL has been declared as “Incipient Sick” on 05.09.2017. Details of Revenue and Profit/(Loss) of BSNL during the last three years are as under:

Particulars	Profit/(Loss) during the year (Rs.in crore)		
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19*
Revenue	31533	25071	19308
Profit/(Loss)	(4793)	(7993)	(14202)

\* provisional and unaudited.

Consequent upon declaration of BSNL as “Incipient Sick”, action has been initiated by Department of Telecommunications (DoT) for preparation of revival/restructuring plan of BSNL. Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad was engaged to facilitate the preparation of revival/restructuring plan of BSNL. Pursuant to its recommendations and approval by BSNL Board, a revival plan for BSNL is under preparation.

(c) & (d) The salary to BSNL employees is being paid regularly. However there was some delay in the payment of salary for the month of February, 2019. Salary of June 2019 has already been paid by BSNL to its employees.

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**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2071  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2019**

**SALARIES TO EMPLOYEES OF BSNL**

**2071. MS. DOLA SEN:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the employees of BSNL are facing an unprecedented crisis today and over one lakh permanent and contractual employees of BSNL have not been paid their due salaries for the last few months which is against the law of the land; and
- (b) the policy decisions being taken by the concerned Ministries to restore BSNL and its employees?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS, LAW & JUSTICE AND  
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- (a) The salary to BSNL employees is being paid regularly. However, there was some delay in the payment of salary for the month of February, 2019. Salary of June 2019 has already been paid to its employees by BSNL. BSNL has also informed that casual labourers and temporary status mazdoors in BSNL are being paid wages regularly.
- (b) BSNL has been advised to take steps to improve performance and increase revenue & control expenditure. Letter of Comfort has been given from time to time to BSNL for raising loans to meet its CAPEX and OPEX requirements.

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**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2074  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2019**

**REVIVAL OF BSNL**

**2074. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that BSNL is facing liquidity crunch which is adversely impacting operation and maintenance of services;
- (b) if so, the response of Government thereto;
- (c) whether budgetary support is provided or proposed to be provided for the revival of BSNL which is providing essential services even at far off and remote places; and
- (d) if not, the alternatives that are considered to make it a profit-making company?

ANSWER

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(a) & (b) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has informed that it is facing liquidity crunch due to mismatch in revenue and expenditure. However, maximum efforts are being made by BSNL to meet the requirement of operation and maintenance of services.

(c) & (d) Letter of Comfort has been given from time to time to BSNL for raising loans to meet its CAPEX and OPEX requirements.

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