

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5109  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2019**

**RENTING OF TELECOM EQUIPMENTS**

**†5109. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has rented out the Government-owned telecommunication equipments to the private Telecom Service Providers (TSPs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the rates at which the rent is taken from them;
- (d) whether the said private TSPs are not paying rent on time and the Government is not taking any timely and appropriate action in this regard, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) have informed that they have shared mobile tower sites with private Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) as per Master Service Agreements (MSA). Monthly rental charges claimed by BSNL varies from Rs.21,000/- to Rs.38,700/- and for MTNL from Rs.30,000 to Rs.1,50,000. BSNL and MTNL have rented out 13051 and 392 mobile tower sites respectively to private TSPs, details of which are at Annexure.

(d) & (e) Mostly private TSPs are paying rent on time. However, in case of any delay in payment, BSNL and MTNL regularly follow up the matter and take actions for early payment and to effect recoveries.

**Annexure referred to in Part (a)to(c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.5109 for Answer on 24.07.2019.**

Mobile towers shared by BSNL and MTNL with private TSPs (as on 31.05.2019)

S.No.	Name of private TSP	Number of tower sites shared by	
		BSNL	MTNL
1	Tata Telecommunication Service Ltd. (TTSL)	23	0
2	Reliance Jio	8307	137
3	Airtel	2761	96
4	Vodafone	892	96
5	Idea	941	63
6	Sify	127	0
	Total	13051	392

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