

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 529
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH SEPTEMBER, 2020**

LOSSES INCURRED BY BSNL

529. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

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 by the Government for the revival/ restructuring of BSNL;
- (c) whether BSNL is unable to make arrangement for payment of salary to its employees; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to protect the large number of employees of BSNL?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS, EDUCATION AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE)**

- (a) Yes Sir. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has incurred losses consecutively during the last three years. BSNL was declared incipient sick in 2017 as per the guidelines of Department of Public Enterprises (DPEs).
- (b) Details of losses incurred by BSNL for the last three years are as under:

(in Rupees crore)

Financial year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Profit/(Loss) incurred by BSNL	(7,993)	(14,904)	(15,500)

The Government approved a revival plan for BSNL on 23.10.2019. The revival plan, inter-alia includes reduction in employee costs through a Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) for the employees of age 50 years and above, administrative allotment of spectrum for 4G services, debt restructuring by raising of sovereign guarantee bonds and monetisation of assets to service debt, CAPEX and other requirements.

- (c) BSNL has informed that it has made salary payment up to the month of July 2020.
- (d) Turnaround of BSNL will ensure the welfare and future prospects of its employees.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
(DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL & TRAINING)

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 576
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.09.2020)

RETIREMENT OF EMPLOYEES

576. SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a proposal to retire employees of Central and State Government after completing a maximum service period of 30 years;
- (b) if so, whether the Government will mandate the same for all employees of the Central Government in different States;
- (c) if so, whether the Government will also mandate the same for all employees of different State Governments; and
- (d) the objective behind placing a ceiling limit of 30 years of service for Government employees?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES
AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE
(DR. JITENDRA SINGH)**

(a): There is no proposal to change the age of superannuation of Central Government employees.

The State Government employees are governed by the rules/regulations framed by their respective State Governments.

(b) to (d): Does not arise in view of (a) above.
