

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 879
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26TH JUNE, 2019**

PERFORMANCE OF BSNL

**†879. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether public sector Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is on the verge of closure and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government to strengthen BSNL;
- (b) whether the Government has any statistics regarding existing BSNL landline and mobile phone connections and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether BSNL is providing new landline and mobile connections and if so, the details thereof including the number of such connections provided by BSNL during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether the Government communication systems are getting affected due to poor performance of BSNL and if so, the details thereof including the loss incurred by BSNL during each of the last three years;
- (e) whether the Government has any record regarding number of employees working under BSNL and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether the employees of BSNL are not getting their salary regularly and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

- (a) No proposal of closure of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is under consideration.

(b) Details of existing landline connections and mobile connections of BSNL as on 31.03.2019 are as under:

Landline Connections	1.12 crore
Mobile Connections	11.57 crore

(c) Number of new landline and mobile connections provided by BSNL during the last three years and upto 31.05.2019 during 2019-20 are as under:

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (upto 31.05.2019)
Landline connections	11,82,630	8,90,520	7,19,228	95,063
Mobile connections	2,50,19,494	2,54,99,981	2,16,48,088	35,90,444

(d) No such case is reported where Government communication systems are getting affected due to poor performance of BSNL. However, losses incurred in the last 3 years are as follows:

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19 (unaudited)
Losses in Rs. crore	4793	7993	7714

(e) As on 31.05.2019, a total of 1,63,902 employees including 46,597 Executive and 1,17,305 Non Executive employees are working in BSNL.

(f) The salary to BSNL employees is being paid regularly. However there was some delay in the salary paid for the month of February, 2019.
