

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2004
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD JULY, 2019**

LOSSES SUFFERED BY BSNL

2004. PROF. SAUGATA RAY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the loss suffered by BSNL during each of the last three years and the current year along with the reasons for the same;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to save the jobs of permanent and temporary employees of BSNL;
- (c) whether the income of BSNL has declined during the recent years and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the expenditure incurred by BSNL for salaries of its employees during the same period?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Details of losses suffered by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) for the last three years and FY 2018-19 are as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19*
Profit/(Loss)	(4859)	(4793)	(7993)	(14202)

* Provisional and unaudited.

Low tariffs due to fierce competition in the mobile segment, high staff cost and absence of 4G services (except in few places) in the data centric telecom market are the main reasons for losses of BSNL.

- (b) Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad was engaged to facilitate the preparation of the revival/restructuring plan of BSNL. Pursuant to its recommendations and approval by BSNL Board, a revival plan for BSNL is under preparation.

(c) Details of revenue of BSNL for the last three years are as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Revenue earned by BSNL during		
2016-17	2017-18	2018-19*
31533	25071	19308

* Provisional and unaudited.

(d) Details of expenditure incurred by BSNL on salaries of its employees for the last three years are as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Salary expenditure of BSNL during		
2016-17	2017-18	2018-19*
15715	14837	14488

* Provisional and unaudited.
