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Ministry of Communications

Union Minister Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia addresses press conference to announce the inauguration of more than 97,500 Mobile 4G Towers at a cost Rs.37,000 crore.

Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia says, “BSNL’s swadeshi 4G launch which is on C-DoT core - fully upgradable to 5G, Tejas RAN marks a historic step towards Viksit Bharat.”

This initiative aims to reinforce India’s telecom self-reliance

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Aligned with the Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi’s vision of *Atmanirbhar Bharat* and technological self-reliance, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) today announced the launch of its indigenous 4G technology network.

The Hon’ble Minister of Communications & Development of North Eastern Region, Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia, announced that more than 97,500 Mobile 4G Towers will be commissioned by the Hon’ble Prime Minister tomorrow, September 27, at Jharsuguda, Odisha.

The Minister remarked, that more than **92,600** mobile sites installed by BSNL, are of Swadeshi 4G technology which is 5G upgradable. It is fully indigenous 4G technology stack featuring a Radio Access Network (RAN) developed by Tejas Network, a core network by C-DOT, and integrated by TCS.

More than 4,700 mobile 4G Towers have been installed by both RJIL (Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd) and BAL (Bharti Airtel Ltd) and 14,180 mobile 4G Towers under saturation project have been funded by DBN (Digital Bharat Nidhi). These towers cover 26,700 unconnected villages in remote, border, and left-wing extremism-affected areas and will be strategic enabler for Digital India, serving over 2 million new subscribers and powering a range of e-Governance services, digital payments, online education, telemedicine, and citizen-centric applications on a click of a button.

He added that BSNL in its Silver Jubilee Year has taken a historic step in ushering India into the era of self-reliant telecom infrastructure and making India the 5th country in the world to achieve this and emphasized that this milestone is not just a technological upgrade but a reaffirmation of India’s capability to design, develop, and deploy advanced telecom networks indigenously. This

has come with relentless works of scientist and engineers who achieved this feat in 3 years when the other countries took decades.

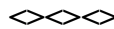
Secretary Telecom Dr Neeraj Mittal added that it is imperative to develop indigenous capabilities to achieve self-reliance. 4G technology stack developed by Indian companies will position India in dynamically shifting industry as Product-offerings country.

Marking BSNL silver jubilee, Shri A. Robert J Ravi, CMD, BSNL, remarked, that BSNL's Silver Jubilee year has given us the opportunity to lead the country into the indigenous 4G era.

The Swadeshi 4G launch reinforces India's telecom self-reliance, enabling seamless connectivity and seamless e-Governance services nationwide.

Details of the project cost:

Project Name	Sites	Implementation Agency	Funded By	Cost(in Cr)
<i>IX.2 Project with Swadeshi 4G Full Stack Solution</i>	78,598	<i>BSNL</i>	<i>Government of India</i>	<i>Rs. 15,520</i>
<i>4G Saturation Scheme</i>	14,180	<i>BSNL</i>	<i>DBN</i>	<i>Rs 17,901</i>
<i>DBN schemes</i>	4,723	<i>RJIL+BAL</i>	<i>DBN</i>	<i>Rs.3,863</i>
<i>Total</i>	97,501			Rs,37,284



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