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Title: Need to revive BSNL.

DR. KULMANI SAMAL (JAGATSINGHPUR): Madam, thank you very much for giving me an opportunity to raise an important issue. I would like to draw the attention of the Minister of Communications to the matter relating to responsibility of the Government to revive BSNL. It is a matter of concern that while private telecom operators like Jio, Airtel, Idea etc. are providing 4G service in rural areas, why BSNL is lagging behind? Even the consumers of rural areas of our country are deprived from using 3G service of BSNL. It may further be stated that the Government should also ensure enhancement of range of signal by installing Wi-Fi hotspot under the Universal Service Obligation Fund. The Fibre to the Home (FTTH) service should also be extended to district as well as block headquarters so that the people of that region can have an access to flawless and high-speed internet service. Hence, the Government should invest more in this PSU in order to put modern technology and infrastructure facilities in place to attract more consumers and to generate good amount of revenue. Thank you, Madam.

HON. SPEAKER:

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Shrimati V. Sathyabama are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Dr. Kulmani Samal.