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Earlier, in 2017, the company had submitted a detailed project report to the DoT in order to acquire the spectrum amounting to Rs 138.85 billion. In this regard, BSNL has requested for equity infusion amounting to Rs 66.52 billion from the DoT. The remaining cost would be settled through the company's revenues.

According to BSNL officials, the DoT has given an 80 day time period to complete the process so that BSNL could get the airwaves soon.

Currently, the company has rolled out 4G in Kerala and Karnataka on a pilot basis.

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