

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1981  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER, 2022**

**INSTALLATION OF MOBILE TOWERS IN HIMACHAL PRADESH**

**1981 # MS. INDU BALA GOSWAMI:**

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a plan to install mobile towers in Himachal Pradesh for a better mobile network connectivity;
- (b) if so, the number of towers to be installed for 4G mobile network; and
- (c) whether the existing 2G network in the State would be upgraded to 4G network?

**ANSWER  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS  
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)**

(a) to (c) Mobile connectivity is provided by Telecom Service Providers on techno commercial basis in a phased manner in the uncovered villages of the country and by the Government, in the remaining uncovered villages through schemes under the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF). With regard to Himachal Pradesh, the following schemes are implemented with USOF support:

1. 354 Uncovered Villages Scheme: Under this scheme for providing mobile connectivity in uncovered areas of J&K, Ladakh, Border areas and other priority areas including Himachal Pradesh, 41 villages of Himachal Pradesh have been covered with mobile services till November 2022.
2. Further, under the project for saturation of 4G mobile services in uncovered villages across the country, 1226 uncovered villages and 400 villages having only 2G/3G coverage of Himachal Pradesh are included for provision of 4G connectivity.

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