

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1020
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH FEBRUARY, 2023**

AREAS UNCOVERED UNDER USOF PROJECT IN RAJASTHAN

1020 Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of areas remained uncovered under the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) project in Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any project proposals are pending with Government for Rajasthan for these uncovered areas;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the number of projects under USOF sanctioned by Government during the last three years;
- (e) whether Government also plans to upgrade the existing BSNL services using the funds and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the State-wise details of funds disbursed from the budget for USOF during the last three years?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) 2992 Villages for Provision of 4G Mobile Services and 418 Villages for upgradation of network from 2G to 4G in the state of Rajasthan are included in Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) Funded Project for 4G Saturation. In addition to that, 51 uncovered villages of Rajasthan are also funded by USOF under “Provision of Mobile Services in 502 Uncovered Villages” Project.

Under BharatNet Project, out of 11,352 Gram Panchayats (GPs), 8770 GPs are Service Ready.

(d) During last three years (2019-20 to 2021-22), the USOF Funded Projects namely BharatNet Project, “Provision of Mobile Services in 354 Uncovered Villages” Project and “Provision of Mobile Services in 502 Uncovered Villages” Project and “4G Saturation” Project are sanctioned by Government which includes Gram Panchayats and Villages of Rajasthan.

(e) Under the USOF funded 4G Saturation Project, 418 villages having only 2G/3G connectivity from BSNL are also planned for upgradation to 4G in State of Rajasthan.

(f) State/UT-wise details of Funds disbursed from USOF during last three years (2019-20 to 2021-22) under various Schemes are given in **Annexure-I**.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in Part (f) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1020 to be answered on 10.02.2023

State/UT wise details of Funds disbursed from USOF during last three years (2019-20 to 2021-22)

Sl. No.	Name of States/UT	Rs. in crore
1	Andaman & Nicobar	923.94
2	Andhra Pradesh	63.12
3	Assam	283.73
4	Bihar	129.66
5	Chhattisgarh	141.26
6	Gujrat	23.73
7	Haryana	4.17
8	Himachal Pradesh	12.35
9	Jammu & Kashmir (including Ladakh)	5.1
10	Jharkhand	306.37
11	Karnataka	9.25
12	Kerala	9.08
13	Maharashtra	70.08
14	Madhya Pradesh	23.82
15	North Eastern Region (NE-I)*	111.88
16	North Eastern Region (NE-II)**	265.57
17	Odisha	142.27
18	Punjab	6.56
19	Rajasthan	11.43
20	Tamil Nadu	4.03
21	Telangana	46.39
22	Uttar Pradesh	58.93
23	West Bengal (including Sikkim)	45.3
24	Lakshadweep	182.28
25	Centrally Allocated / Disbursed Funds#	15545.69
	Total	18426.00
#Fund released for BharatNet etc.		
*NE-I includes Mizoram, Meghalaya, Tripura		
**NE-II includes Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur		
