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

**RAJYA SABHA**
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 967**
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 13TH FEBRUARY, 2025**

**4G MOBILE NETWORK CONNECTIVITY IN MAHARASHTRA**

**967     SHRI ASHOKRAO SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:**

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a)     whether all the villages under Bhokar and Mudkhed talukas of Nanded district of Maharashtra are covered by 4G mobile network service;

(b)     if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the timeline by which complete 4G connectivity is likely to be provided in this region;

(c)     whether service provided by the telecom service providers in these villages is very bleak and a number of complaints have been received against the service providers; and

(d)     if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by Government to improve connectivity and speed in this region?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**
**(DR. PEMMASANI CHANDRA SEKHAR)**

(a)  to (d)     Out of 143 villages in Bhokar and Mudkhed talukas of Nanded district of Maharashtra (as per Registrar General of India),138 villages are having mobile coverage and out of these, 128 villages are covered with 4G mobile connectivity.

Government is implementing various schemes under Digital Bharat Nidhi (erstwhile USOF) for expansion of telecom connectivity through installation of 4G mobile towers in the rural, tribal and remote areas of the country, including Maharashtra. 4G Saturation project is for provisioning of 4G mobile connectivity in 24,680 uncovered villages in the country.

To ensure the Quality of Service (QoS) for basic, mobile and broadband services, TRAI has laid down "the Standards of Quality of Service of Access (Wireline and Wireless) and Broadband (Wireline and Wireless) Service Regulations, 2024". These regulations have prescribed QoS parameters and benchmarks for network related and customer service-related parameters. The Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) are required to ensure that the QoS parameters are within the benchmarks laid down by TRAI.

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