

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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4G COVERAGE IN REMOTE VILLAGE OF BELAGAVI

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Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of 4G mobile coverage in the remote villages of Belagavi district, particularly in the Western Ghats region;
- (b) the timeline for the saturation of all remaining uncovered villages with 4G services;
- (c) the progress of BharatNet Phase-III in providing high-speed internet to Gram Panchayats in Belagavi;
- (d) the number of India Post Payments Bank accounts opened in the district and the steps to popularise its services; and
- (e) the measures being taken to address call drop issues and improve service quality in Belagavi city and its adjoining areas?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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- (a) & (b) The 4G Saturation project is being implemented to provide 4G mobile coverage to all villages that are uncovered by 4G mobile connectivity. Under this project, 37 mobile towers were planned in Belagavi district, of which 27 have been commissioned. As on 30.06.2025, 1272 villages of Belagavi district have 4G mobile coverage.
- (c) In Belagavi District, 519 Gram Panchayats (GPs) planned under BharatNet Phase-I have been made service ready for providing high speed internet. Further, under Amended BharatNet Programme (BharatNet Phase-III), upgradation of existing network of BharatNet Phase-I, creation of network in remaining 4 GPs, operation and maintenance for 10 years and utilization has been planned. The agreement with Project Implementation Agency (PIA) has been signed on 17.06.2025.
- (d) The number of India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) accounts in Belagavi District is 6,68,944. IPPB is working towards promoting financial inclusion & digital banking by opening of Aadhaar-seeded accounts and providing doorstep services. IPPB is also promoting financial literacy by organising camps with the support of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) etc. Additionally, IPPB's branded signage has been installed across all Post offices to create awareness in the public about the availability of IPPB services.
- (e) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) regularly monitors the performance of telecom service providers against the benchmark for various Quality of Service parameters. TRAI also conduct independent drive tests (IDT) periodically to assess the on ground mobile network performance. An Operator Assisted Drive Test was conducted in Belagavi, Karnataka in April 2024. Report of same is available on TRAI website (https://traai.gov.in/sites/default/files/2025-02/DT_Belagavi_10012024.pdf).
