

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1291  
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**EXPANSION OF 5G SERVICES IN UTTARAKHAND**

**1291 # DR. KALPANA SAINI:**

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of rollout of 5G services in Uttarakhand and the details of districts, cities and rural areas of the State wherein 5G coverage has been provided, so far;
- (b) whether the Central Government has taken any special initiatives to accelerate the expansion of 5G services in the State;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether any specific plan or timeline has been set for providing 5G networks in remote and hilly areas and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) As on 31.10.2025, Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) have installed 5,921 5G Base Transceiver Stations (BTSs) in Uttarakhand. Further, 5G services have been launched by Telecom Service Providers in all districts of Uttarakhand.
- (b) to (d) To accelerate the expansion of 5G services across the country, including Uttarakhand, Government has taken several initiatives which, *inter-alia*, include the following:
  - i. Auction of spectrum for 5G mobile services.
  - ii. Financial reforms to rationalize Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR), Bank Guarantees (BGs) and interest rates.
  - iii. Removal of Spectrum Usage Charges for spectrum acquired in auction of 2022 and thereafter.
  - iv. Simplification of procedure for SACFA (Standing Advisory Committee on Radio Frequency Allocations) clearance.
  - v. Launch of GatiShakti Sanchar portal and RoW(Right of Way) Rules to streamline RoW permissions and clearance of installation of telecom infrastructure.
  - vi. Time-bound permission for use of street furniture for installation of small cells and telecommunication line.

As a result of above mentioned initiatives, 5G services have been rolled out in all States/UTs across the country and presently it is available in 99.9% of the districts in the country. Further, the deployment of 5G BTS by telecom service providers, in any specified geographical location, depends on number of factors including techno-commercial feasibility, penetration of 5G compatible devices and availability of necessary RoW permissions.

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