

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4336
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02ND APRIL, 2026**

4G SATURATION PROJECT

4336 SHRI JAGGESH:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has faced any challenges or delays in implementation of 4G Saturation project;
- (b) whether the project includes provisions for upgrading existing 2G/3G infrastructure to 4G in uncovered villages and the progress made in this regard;
- (c) whether any coordination has been undertaken with State Governments and private telecom operators to ensure faster rollout of 4G connectivity in rural and remote areas;
- (d) whether Government proposes to extend the project to include future-ready technologies such as 5G in rural areas; and
- (e) if so, the details and timeline thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Execution of a few sites has been delayed due to factors such as delay in land allotment, forest permission, planned site inaccessible through approach road.
- (b) As on 28.02.2026, 621 existing 2G/ 3G base transceiver (BTS) have been upgraded to provide 4G mobile coverage under 4G Saturation Project.
- (c) Regular review meetings with executing agency and coordination meetings with state and central government authorities are held to resolve bottlenecks, for expeditious completion of the project.
- (d) & (e) 5G mobile services are rolled out by the telecom service providers themselves on techno-commercial considerations.
