

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4348  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02<sup>ND</sup> APRIL, 2026**

**TELECOM SERVICES IN KUSHINAGAR**

**4348 SHRI RATANJIT PRATAP NARAIN SINGH:**

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of 5G Base Transceiver Stations (BTS) currently installed and operational in Kushinagar district;
- (b) the percentage of district's population that currently has access to high-speed 5G internet services;
- (c) the specific directives issued to Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) to improve call drop rates and network quality in rural blocks of Kushinagar;
- (d) the number of gram panchayats in the district successfully connected with optical fiber under BharatNet project; and
- (e) the details of public Wi-Fi hotspots installed at the Kushinagar International airport and major Buddhist tourist sites?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) As on 28.02.2026, 760 5G Base Transceiver Stations (BTSs) are working in Kushinagar district of the State of Uttar Pradesh .
- (b) The license for Telecom Service is granted for a License Service Area (LSA). Accordingly, 5G services are available to the approximately 83% population of the Uttar Pradesh (East) License Service Area (LSA) which include Kushinagar district.
- (c) As per Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), in UP (East) LSA, for the month of February 2026, Telecom Service Providers met the benchmark of Drop Call Rate (DCR).
- (d) Out of 1121 Gram Panchayats (GPs) of the Kushinagar district, 1104 GPs have been made service ready on Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) under BharatNet project.
- (e) As on 28.02.2026, number of Wi-Fi hotspots installed under Prime Minister's Wireless Access Network Identifier (PM-WANI) framework in Kushinagar district is 79.

In addition to above, there are 99 PM WANI Wi-Fi hotspots in Raisen District of the Madhya Pradesh State wherein Sanchi , one of the major Buddhist tourist site, is situated.

Further, 306 PM WANI Wi-Fi hotspots are available in Leh District which is also a major Buddhist tourist site.

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