

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3655
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8TH AUGUST, 2018**

4G SERVICES

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 4G services have been launched in the country including in rural and backward areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the BSNL and MTNL have launched the 4G services across the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to provide 4G services in all the villages of the country within a prescribed time period and if so, the details thereof along with the time by which this facility is likely to be extended in Sawai Madhopur and Tonk districts of Rajasthan?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

- (a) & (b) Yes, Madam. 4G services have been launched in the country in all 22 Licensed Service Areas (LSAs) including in rural and backward areas. LSA wise details are as per **Annexure**.
- (c) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) are yet to launch 4G Services across the country.
- (d) The following schemes have been formulated by the Government to provide 4G connectivity:
 - i) **Left Wing Extremism Affected Areas:** Cabinet on 23-05-2018 has approved a Project proposal for providing the mobile services by deploying 2G & 4G technology in inhabited & Uncovered villages of the Left Wing Extremism Affected Areas in 4072 tower locations, as identified by Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), with an estimated cost of Rs. 7,330/- crores plus applicable taxes. Implementation of the project has been initiated.

ii) **Meghalaya:** Cabinet On 23.05.2018 has approved revised proposal for provision of mobile services on 2G+4G technology for installation of 2173 mobile towers in 2374 uncovered villages and along National Highways in Meghalaya for an estimated cost of Rs. 3911 Cr.

iii) **Andaman & Nicobar Islands:** Project for provisioning of Mobile services (2G & 4G) to uncovered villages and seamless coverage on NH (National Highway) 223 in Andaman & Nicobar Islands has been formulated.

iv) **Uncovered villages:** Government of India plans to provide mobile coverage in inhabited and uncovered villages of the country in a phased manner subject to availability of funds/ resources. Department of Telecommunications is in the process of identification of uncovered villages of the country including those of Sawai Madhopur and Tonk districts of Rajasthan.

<u>ANNEXURE</u>		
<u>LSA wise 4G BTS (Base Transceiver Station) as on</u>		
<u>01-July-2018</u>		
Sr	LSA	4G BTS
1	Andhra Pradesh	70272
2	Assam	17016
3	Bihar	46862
4	Delhi	46231
5	Gujarat	58554
6	Himachal Pradesh	8906
7	Haryana	21784
8	Jammu & Kashmir	14880
9	Karnataka	64965
10	Kolkata	19318
11	Kerala	41624
12	Mumbai	29888
13	Maharashtra	72296
14	Madhya Pradesh	56120
15	North-East	10222
16	Odisha	23340
17	Punjab	40429
18	Rajasthan	49599
19	Tamil Nadu	72828
20	Uttar Pradesh (East)	56675
21	Uttar Pradesh(West)	47739
22	West Bengal	35867
Grand Total		905415
