

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 136
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH DECEMBER, 2022**

4G MOBILE SERVICES

136. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the current update on the plan to provide 4G mobile services in 7,287 uncovered villages of Aspirational Districts along with the time by which the above plan would be made operational including current progress thereof;
- (b) the details of the list of villages in Koraput and Rayagada District in Odisha where mobile connectivity has already been provided under the above plan, block-wise; and
- (c) the timeline of completion in rest of the villages of Koraput and Rayagada districts of Odisha where 4G mobile connectivity would be provided, block-wise?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)**

- (a) USOF funded project to provide 4G based mobile services in the 7,287 uncovered villages of 44 Aspirational Districts across five States of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra & Odisha has been approved by the Union Cabinet. The timeline of completion of this project is 18 months from the date of signing of the agreement (i.e. 20th May 2022) with implementing agency. Details of the scheme is given below:

| Sl. No. | State | No. of Aspirational districts | No. of villages to be covered |
|--------------|----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 3 | 1218 |
| 2 | Chhattisgarh | 8 | 699 |
| 3 | Jharkhand | 19 | 827 |
| 4 | Maharashtra | 4 | 610 |
| 5 | Odisha | 10 | 3933 |
| Total | | 44 | 7,287 |

- (b) & (c) The Survey and infrastructure work in the villages of Koraput (520 Villages) and Rayagada (962 Villages) District in Odisha is in progress with the timeline of the completion of scheme in 18 months.
