

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3472
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND MARCH, 2023**

MOBILE SERVICES IN ASSAM

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the mobile services being provided in the villages of aspirational districts of Assam at present;
- (b) the details of the uncovered villages of aspirational districts of Assam so far;
- (c) the details of the steps being taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government is providing 4G mobile services in the villages of aspirational districts of Assam; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) As per information received from Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) and DoT field units, out of 5008 villages of Aspirational Districts in Assam, 4996 villages are covered with mobile connectivity. Details of Uncovered villages of aspirational districts of Assam are as below:

Sl. No.	Name of Aspirational District	No. of Uncovered Villages
1	Baksa	0
2	Barpeta	5
3	Darrang	2
4	Dhubri	0
5	Goalpara	0
6	Hailakandi	5
7	Udalguri	0
Total		12

(c) to (e) Government is implementing various schemes under Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) (such as USOF 4G saturation scheme, Comprehensive Telecom Development Plan for mobile connectivity in the North Eastern Region etc.) to provide mobile connectivity including 4G mobile services, in a phased manner, in rural areas of the country including Assam. Presently 4976 villages of Aspirational districts of Assam have 4G mobile services connectivity.
