

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4660
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH MARCH, 2023**

EXPANSION OF 4G BASED MOBILE SERVICE

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SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH SOLANKY:
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SHRI BRIJBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH:
SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government plans to expand the provision of 4G based mobile service in uncovered villages under Aspirational District Scheme through an extended coverage of additional villages particularly in Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha and Madhya Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the State-wise details of funds allocated and mobile towers installed till date including in Pali, Rajasthan; Jhansi-Lalitpur, Deoria, Gonda-Bahraich and Pratapgarh in Uttar Pradesh; Balasore in Odisha and Dewas in Madhya Pradesh; and
- (c) whether the Government plans to create a network to connect all the Gram Panchayats and villages with broadband infrastructure and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Government has approved following Universal Service Obligation (USOF) funded schemes for provision of 4G based Mobile services in uncovered villages of Aspirational Districts:
- i. **502 Aspirational District Project:** The Project is for provisioning of 4G based Mobile service in 502 uncovered villages of Aspirational Districts of four states in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh & Rajasthan. Further additional 27 uncovered villages of Madhya Pradesh are also proposed to be covered under this project.
 - ii. **7287 Aspirational District Project:** The Union Cabinet has approved a project for provisioning of 4G Mobile Coverage in 7287 uncovered villages of 44 Aspirational Districts of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Jharkhand and Odisha.

Further, Government has also approved USOF funded 4G saturation scheme for provision of 4G based Mobile services in the uncovered villages across the country including those in Aspirational Districts. As per cabinet approval on 27.07.2022, under 4G saturation project 24680 uncovered

villages across the country are proposed to be covered with 4G services with extra provision of 20% villages. The project also includes upgradation of existing 2G/3G sites to 4G service at 6279 villages. 3368 villages of Rajasthan State, 340 villages of Uttar Pradesh State, 2792 villages of Odisha State and 3191 villages of Madhya Pradesh State are included in this project.

(b) State wise detail of fund allocated under the scheme mentioned in para (a) above is enclosed as **Annexure-I**. State wise details of the no. of mobile tower installed till date under the above-mentioned schemes is enclosed as **Annexure-II**. Till date, no mobile tower has been installed in Pali Rajasthan; Jhansi-Lalitpur, Deoria, Gonda-Bahraich and Pratapgarh in Uttar Pradesh; Balasore in Odisha and Dewas in Madhya Pradesh under the above-mentioned schemes of USOF.

(c) BharatNet project is being implemented in a phased manner to create network to connect Gram Panchayats (GPs)/ Villages with broadband in the country. This infrastructure is leased to TSPs/ISPs for provision of internet connectivity in GPs/rural areas including villages/ Government institutions, schools and private areas. As of Feb 2023, 189256 GPs have been made service ready for providing broadband connectivity in rural area under BharatNet Project. On 30.06.2021, Union Cabinet has accorded in principle approval for extending BharatNet beyond GPs upto villages in the country. The implementation strategy and cost estimation of BharatNet implementation is being worked out. The target for completion of BharatNet project is 2025.

ANNEXURE-I

Annexure referred to in Part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4660 for answer on 29-03-2023

STATE WISE DETAIL OF FUND ALLCOATED/DISBURSED UPTO 02.03.2023 FOR PROVISION OF MOBILE SERVICES IN THE SCHEMES NAMELY 502 UNCOVERED VILLAGES OF ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS AND 4G SATURATION PROJECT

Sl. No.	STATE	Rupees in Crore
1	RAJASTHAN	142
2	UTTAR PRADESH	10
3	ODISHA	152
4	MADHYA PRADESH	24
TOTAL		327

ANNEXURE-II

Annexure referred to in Part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4660 for answer on 29-03-2023

STATE WISE DETAILS OF THE NUMBER OF TOWER INSTALLED IN THE STATE OF RAJASTHAN, UTTAR PRADESH, ODISHA AND MADHYA PRADESH

Sl. No.	STATE	No of towers installed
1	RAJASTHAN	50
2	UTTAR PRADESH	26
3	ODISHA	22
4	MADHYA PRADESH	58
Total		156
