

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4686
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH MARCH, 2023**

FUNDS FOR SATARA DISTRICT UNDER USOF

4686. SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the funds released by the Government under the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) for Satara district of Maharashtra during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) the details of the works carried out under the USOF in the Satara district in the last three years; and
- (c) the details of the works sanctioned to be carried out in the year 2023-24?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Rs. 2233 crores have been released / disbursed from Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) for Maharashtra including Satara District during last three years (2019-20 to 2021-22). The year-wise details are as under:

Financial Years	Rupees in Crores
2019-20	294
2020-21	1491
2021-22	448
Total	2233

- (b) In last three years, 252 Gram Panchayats (GPs) were made service ready in Satara district of Maharashtra under BharatNet project.
- (c) The details of USOF Schemes which are under implementation in Satara District of Maharashtra is as given below:

(1) **BharatNet:** - BharatNet connectivity is planned in 1501 GPs of Satara district. Out of this, 1014 GPs have already been made service ready as of Feb 2023.

(2) **4G Saturation Project-** There is provision of 4G Mobile Services in 169 villages of Satara District of Maharashtra under “4G Saturation Project”.
