5G BASE STATIONS

4740. MS. NUSSRAT JAHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of 5G base stations deployed for 5G services by the telecom operators in West Bengal;

(b) the steps being taken by the Government for better penetration of 5G across West Bengal; and

(c) the details of the expected timeline by which the entire country shall be covered by the 5G network?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)

(a) In the state of West Bengal, Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) have deployed 7830 base stations for 5G services.

(b) In order to speed up the 5G networks rollout in the country including West Bengal, the Government has taken the following steps:

(i) Procedure for SACFA clearance for Low Power Base Transceiver Station (BTS)/small cells i.e. Micro, Pico and Femto cells on existing street furniture/infrastructure has been simplified.

(ii) Procedure for application and time-bound permission for usage of street furniture for installation of small cells and telegraph line has been specified in Indian Telegraph Right of Way (Amendment) Rules, 2022.

(iii) GatiShakti Sanchar portal has been launched to facilitate and expedite Right of Way permissions, by providing a single interface between all stakeholders including Central and State/UT Government(s), Local bodies, and Service Providers.

(c) As per the Notice Inviting Application (NIA) dated 15-06-2022 for auction of spectrum and the license conditions, the rollout obligations are required to be met over a period of five years, in a phased manner, from the date of allocation of spectrum. Further expansion of mobile networks beyond the mandatory rollout obligations and the cost involved depends on the techno-commercial consideration of the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs).

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