## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4796 TO BE ANSWERED ON 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2023

### PENETRATION OF BROADBAND NETWORK

4796. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have district-wise data of the penetration of broadband network in India;
- (b) if so, the details of the presence of broadband connectivity in the West Champaran region of Bihar;
- (c) the details of the leading private and public sector operators in the West Champaran region of Bihar in terms of presence; and
- (d) the details of the cumulative data for the State of Bihar in this regard?

#### **ANSWER**

# MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)

(a) to (d) As per data provided by Telecom Service Providers (TSPs), field units of Department of Telecom, all urban area and 44577 villages out of total 44888 villages are covered with 3G/4G mobile broadband connectivity in Bihar. State wise data of Telecom subscribers is available in Telecom Subscription Report of TRAI. As per data provided by TRAI, total number of Broadband in the State of Bihar as on 31.12.2022 are 611,96,755. Broadband connectivity is available in West Champaran region of Bihar except in Dokhani, Narkatia, Kataha and Damrapur villages. The leading Public Sector operator is Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited(BSNL) and leading Private operators are Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea Ltd. in the West Champaran district of Bihar.

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