

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4800
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH MARCH, 2023**

MOBILE INTERNET COVERAGE

†4800. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the percentage of mobile internet coverage in Bihar at present including the urban areas;
- (b) the present status of BharatNet scheme along with the number of beneficiaries covered under the said scheme;
- (c) the time by which 100 per cent coverage is likely to be achieved in Bihar particularly in Vaishali/ Muzaffarpur district;
- (d) the status of PM WANI Yojana along with the approved number of beneficiaries in the State; and
- (e) whether internet facility is still not available in remote areas of Bihar and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) 100% of urban areas and 99.53% of rural areas in Bihar state are covered with mobile internet.
- (b) Out of 8404 Gram Panchayats (GPs) planned under BharatNet Scheme in Bihar, 8316 GPs are service ready. There are 13534 beneficiaries of the scheme.
- (c) 100% coverage in Vaishali and Muzaffarpur Districts has been achieved in Bihar.
- (d) Under PM-WANI framework, 3765 Wi-Fi hotspots have been deployed in Bihar state.
- (e) 209 Villages are still not covered with mobile services in Bihar state which are under the scope of 4G saturation project of USOF.
