

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5298
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH APRIL, 2023**

MOBILE SERVICES IN ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS OF UTTAR PRADESH

5298. SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the mobile services being provided in the villages of aspirational districts of Phulpur at present;
- (b) the details of the uncovered villages of aspirational districts of Uttar Pradesh, so far;
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government is providing 4G mobile services in the villages of aspirational district of Phulpur, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the details of the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e) As per data provided from Telecom Service Providers (TSPs), field units of Department of Telecommunications and State Government, as of March 2022, all 888 villages in sub district of Phulpur of Uttar Pradesh (villages are as per data of Registrar General of India as of November 2019) are covered with 4G Technology. The details of uncovered villages of Aspirational Districts of Uttar Pradesh are enclosed as **Annexure-I**. Mobile coverage for inhabited uncovered villages is provided by Government and the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) in a phased manner. Further, Government has approved following Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) funded schemes for provision of 4G based Mobile services in uncovered villages of Aspirational Districts including Uttar Pradesh State:

- 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. Under this project 19 tower have been installed in the districts of Bahraich-1, Balrampur-1, Chitrakoot-3, Shrawasti-2 & Sonbhadra-12 of Uttar Pradesh.
- ii. **Left Wing Extremism Phase-I (LWE) upgradation Project:** Under this Project 2343 existing mobile towers (2G based) have been planned for upgradation to 4G based

mobile towers across the 10 LWE States (Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal). 78 towers have been planned for upgradation to 4G mobile services in the districts of Chandauli -6, Mirzapur- 6 & Sonbhadra- 66 of Uttar Pradesh.

- iii. **Left Wing Extremism (LWE) Phase-II Project:** Under this project 2,542 tower locations identified by Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) in the LWE affected areas across the across the 10 LWE States (Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal) are planned to be covered by installing 4G based mobile towers. 42 mobile towers in the district of Sonbhadra are included at the locations identified by Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) in the State of Uttar Pradesh.
- iv. Further, Cabinet has approved USOF funded 4G Saturation project on 27-07-2022, to cover 24,680 uncovered villages across the country including those in the Aspirational Districts of Uttar Pradesh with provision of 20% extra villages. The project also includes upgradation of existing 2G/3G coverage at 6279 villages to 4G. Under this project 340 villages of 34 districts of Uttar Pradesh are proposed to be covered with 4G services.

ANNEXURE-I

Annexure referred to in Part (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5298 for answer on 05-04-2023

DISTRICT WISE DETAILS OF UNCOVERED VILLAGES IN THE ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS OF UTTAR PRADESH

Sl. No.	Aspirational Districts Name	Total No. of Villages	Villages not covered
1	Bahraich	1390	16
2	Balrampur	1016	24
3	Chandauli	1635	14
4	Chitrakoot	657	22
5	Fatehpur	1512	0
6	Shrawasti	536	5
7	Siddharthnagar	2400	1
8	Sonbhadra	1429	77
Total		10575	159
