

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS  
DEPARTMENT OF POSTS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5485  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2023**

**POST OFFICES WITHOUT MOBILE NETWORK**

**5485. DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV:  
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SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:  
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DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that there are Post Offices, without a mobile network or internet connectivity especially in areas with difficult terrains and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of such Post Offices in the country, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that network connectivity reaches such Post Offices; and
- (d) whether the Government has set any deadline for ensuring network connectivity in such areas and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Government is aware of the fact that there are Post Offices, especially in areas with difficult terrains, without a mobile network or internet connectivity. At present, there are 879 Branch Post Offices which do not have mobile network or internet connectivity. State wise details of such Post Offices in the country, including Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh & Maharashtra are at **Annexure-I**.

(c) & (d) Department of Posts has taken up the matter of providing connectivity to Post offices not having mobile network or internet connectivity with Department of Telecommunications.

As per cabinet approval dated 27.07.2022, under 4G saturation project total 24,680 uncovered villages across the country are proposed to be covered with 4 G services by Department of Telecommunications. Provision of 20% extra villages has also been kept. The project also includes upgradation to 4G service of existing 2G/3G sites at 6,279 villages. The project is to be completed by 09.12.2023.

**Annexure-I**

Annexure to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5485 to be answered on 05.04.2023.

S. No.	Name of Postal Circle	State / UT Covered	No. of Branch Post Offices without Mobile Network or internet connectivity
1	Andhra Pradesh	Andhra Pradesh	76
2	Assam	Assam	14
3	Bihar	Bihar	12
4	Chhattisgarh	Chhattisgarh	95
5	Delhi	Delhi	9
6	Gujarat	Gujarat, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu	8
7	Haryana	Haryana	1
8	Himachal Pradesh	Himachal Pradesh	17
9	Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh	115
10	Jharkhand	Jharkhand	29
11	Karnataka	Karnataka	18
12	Kerala	Kerala, Lakshadweep	1
13	Maharashtra	Maharashtra, Goa	101
14	North-East	Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Tripura, Mizoram, Nagaland	152
15	Odisha	Odisha	49
16	Rajasthan	Rajasthan	2
17	Tamil Nadu	Tamil Nadu, Puducherry	30
18	Telangana	Telangana	1
19	Uttar Pradesh	Uttar Pradesh	9
20	Uttarakhand	Uttarakhand	34
21	West Bengal	West Bengal, Sikkim, Andaman and Nicobar Islands	106
Total			879

\*Note: There are no Branch Post Offices in Madhya Pradesh without Mobile Network or internet connectivity.

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