

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 989  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2023**

**5G SERVICES IN THE COUNTRY**

**989. KUNWAR DANISH ALI:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Telecom Service Providers have started providing 5G services in the country from 01.10.2022 onwards;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has set any target to make 5G services available in the entire country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which it is likely to be made available in all the cities and towns of the country?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) have started providing 5G services in the country from 01.10.2022 onwards. As on 31.01.2023, 5G services have been started in 238 cities distributed across all license service areas.

(c) & (d) The Government has established a road map to make 5G services available in different parts of the country through rollout obligations. 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, depends on the techno-commercial consideration of the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs).

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