

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 667
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH FEBRUARY, 2020**

TELECOM CONNECTIVITY IN TRIPURA

667. SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of telecom connectivity in the State of Tripura;
- (b) whether the Government has extended 4G services in each district of Tripura;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the time by which 4G services will be provided in each district of Tripura;
- (d) the role of Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) in this regard and the details of the funds utilized therefrom during each of the last three years for the aforesaid purpose; and
- (e) the details of fund utilization by BSNL in connection with this matter?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS,
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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(a) to (c) As per the data collected from the Telecom Service Providers(TSPs) and Department of Telecommunications (DoT) field units in 2019, it is estimated that there are 8 inhabited villages (as per census 2011 data) in Tripura, which are not covered by mobile services. Government and TSPs have extended 4G services in each district of Tripura. District-wise 4G coverage is as below.

| District | Total Number of Villages | Number of Villages with 4G coverage |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Dhalai | 148 | 97 |
| North Tripura | 166 | 144 |
| South Tripura | 268 | 242 |
| West Tripura | 281 | 274 |
| Grand Total | 863 | 757 |

(d) to (e) Mobile Services in 2 uncovered villages and 7 sites along National Highway in Tripura are being provided with USOF funding through M/s Bharti Hexacom Limited as per the agreement signed on 08.12.2017 for providing 2G services. As on 27.01.2020, a total of 3 towers have been installed and providing services.

In Tripura, no scheme for provisioning of mobile services is being implemented through BSNL and therefore, no funds have been disbursed to BSNL for providing mobile services.
