

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5693
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH APRIL, 2022**

COMMUNICATION NETWORK IN SABARKANTHA

5693. SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH RATHOD:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any details about the communication network in Sabarkantha district, Gujarat and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there is any gap in cable network which is unable to connect villages in sabarkantha district, Gujarat; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) There are 3,325 Base Transceiver Stations (BTSs) installed by Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) namely, M/s BSNL, M/s Bharti Airtel Limited, M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited and M/s Vodafone Idea Limited; presently providing mobile network coverage in Sabarkantha District, Gujarat. Out of 695 villages, 691 villages in Sabarkantha district have mobile network coverage and 679 villages have 3G/4G mobile internet coverage. Mobile coverage in uncovered villages in the country is being provided by the Government and TSPs in a phased manner.

Moreover, out of 460 GPs planned in Sabarkantha District under BharatNet project, 444 Gram Panchayats(GPs) have been made service ready. The scope of BharatNet has been recently extended up to all inhabited villages beyond GPs in the country, including Sabarkantha district, Gujarat.
