

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5729
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH APRIL, 2022**

ACHIEVEMENTS IN COMMUNICATION SECTOR

5729. SHRIMATI SANDHYA RAY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the achievements made by the Government in communication sector during the last three years in Madhya Pradesh, especially in Bhind and Datia districts;
- (b) whether any road map has been prepared by the Government for the communication revolution in the next three years and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether there is any ongoing project for Bhind and Datia districts and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) As per the information provided by the Telecom Service Providers and the field units of Department of Telecommunications, 3G/4G mobile coverage has been provided in total 48366 inhabited villages of Madhya Pradesh (out of 51,929 inhabited villages as per Census 2011), including 879 villages of Bhind district (out of 890 villages) and 582 villages of Datia district (out of 586 villages). Under BharatNet project, so far total 17586 Gram Panchayats (GPs) of Madhya Pradesh have been made ready for broadband services, including 43 GPs of Bhind district and 280 GPs of Datia district. Further, under Prime Minister – Wireless Access Network Interface (PM-WANI) Framework, total 2223 wi-fi hotspots have so far been deployed in Madhya Pradesh, including 10 wi-fi hotspots in Bhind district and 16 wi-fi hotspots in Datia district.
- (b) The government is committed to fulfill the information and communication needs of citizens and enterprises through establishment of a ubiquitous, resilient, secure, accessible and affordable digital communications infrastructure and services. To realize this commitment, various projects and schemes such as BharatNet, Comprehensive Telecom Development Plan (CTDP) for North Eastern Region, Scheme for Aspirational Districts, CTDP for Islands, and Provision of telecom towers in Left Wing Extremism affected areas have been launched by the government. Further, the government envisages to cover all uncovered villages with mobile connectivity.
- (c) The ongoing telecom projects/schemes in Bhind and Datia districts of Madhya Pradesh include BharatNet and PM-WANI.
