# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2547 TO BE ANSWERED ON 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2024

### **BSNL NETWORK IN VILLAGES**

#### †2547 SHRI UMMEDA RAM BENIWAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of villages of Barmer, Jaisalmer, Jalore and Jodhpur Parliamentary Constituencies are still deprived of BSNL network;

(b) if so, the number of such villages along with district-wise details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to provide network connectivity to these network deprived villages;

(d) if so, the time by which the network connectivity is likely to be provided there; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### ANSWER

### MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. PEMMASANI CHANDRA SEKHAR)

(a) to (e) The district wise detail of villages covered in Barmer, Jaisalmer, Jalore and Jodhpur Parliamentary Constituencies is attached as **annexure-I**.

Further, Government has approved 4G Saturation Scheme to provide coverage to all uncovered villages in the country including Barmer, Jaisalmer, Jalore and Jodhpur Parliamentary Constituencies. This is being executed by BSNL.

District wise details of mobile coverage w.r.t. Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2547 to be laid on 07.08.2024

| District  | Total no. of villages as<br>per Registrar General<br>of India (RGI) data<br>Nov-2019 | Villages having<br>mobile connectivity<br>as on 30.04.2023 | Villages covered by<br>BSNL network as on<br>30.06.2024 |
|-----------|--|--|---|
| Barmer    | 2,964  | 2,737  | 598   |
| Jaisalmer | 855  | 691  | 139   |
| Jalore    | 822  | 810  | 389   |
| Jodhpur   | 1,909  | 1,841  | 673   |
| Sirohi    | 506  | 453  | 267   |
| Total     | 7,056  | 6,532  | 2,066   |

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