

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2689  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2024**

**4G/2G TOWERS IN HIMACHAL PRADESH**

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken by the Government to provide better connectivity of BSNL network in Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) the total number of 4G/2G towers installed (operational) in Shimla Parliamentary Constituency along with the number of towers being installed and the number of towers remaining to be installed;
- (c) the total amount of funds approved so far in this regard;
- (d) the total number of subscribers of BSNL at present; and
- (e) the efforts being made to increase the number of the said subscribers?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) To provide connectivity to uncovered villages in Himachal Pradesh, under 4G Saturation scheme, new mobile towers are planned by BSNL. In addition, BSNL has also planned to upgrade existing 2G/3G sites to 4G sites.
- (b) In Shimla Parliamentary constituency (Shimla, Sirmour & Solan districts), as on 01.07.2024, there are total 10,399 sites of all Telecom Service Providers. Further, 224 towers are planned by BSNL under 4G Saturation Scheme.
- (c) For Himachal Pradesh, fund of Rs. 927.68 Crore has been approved under 4G Saturation Project.
- (d) The details of mobile subscribers of the Telecom Service Providers collected and published by TRAI from time to time are available on their website.
- (e) For expanding 4G services in the country, BSNL has placed purchase order for procurement of indigenously developed 4G sites, supply of which has started from September, 2023. This will help increasing the subscriber base.

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