

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4254
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26TH MARCH, 2025**

IMPROVEMENT OF MOBILE NETWORK IN CHHATTISGARH

†4254. **SHRI BRIJMOHAN AGRAWAL:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing any special scheme to improve mobile network and internet connectivity in rural and remote areas of Chhattisgarh and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is giving priority to the extension of 5G network in Chhattisgarh and if so, the details of the areas where this service has been made available so far;
- (c) whether the Government is formulating any scheme to open new post offices or to digitalise postal services in Chhattisgarh and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the steps being taken to improve BSNL services in Chhattisgarh, particularly in rural areas; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to expand post office banking services in Chhattisgarh to provide better financial services in rural areas and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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(a) & (b) Out of 20,072 villages in Chhattisgarh (as per data of Registrar General of India), 19,123 villages are covered with mobile connectivity.

As on February 2025, 6,644 numbers of 5G Base Transceiver Stations (BTSs) have been installed across 33 districts in Chhattisgarh. The District wise details of 5G BTS installed in Chhattisgarh are at **Annexure**.

Government is implementing various schemes under Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) for expansion of telecom connectivity through installation of 4G mobile towers in the rural, tribal and remote areas of the country, including Chhattisgarh. As on February 2025, 1,341 towers have been commissioned in Chhattisgarh under DBN funded mobile schemes, providing 4G mobile coverage to 1,461 villages.

(c) New post offices are opened as per prescribed norms and is an ongoing process. 573 Post offices have been opened in the last 5 years to provide access to postal facilities and other services in Chhattisgarh Circle. Under IT 2.0, Branch Post Offices functioning in rural areas of the country have been provided with mobile devices for carrying out online postal, financial and insurance transactions. As regards Parcel Services, track and trace has been implemented across the country,

including Chhattisgarh, with a view to improve the delivery process and provide for real time tracking.

(d) BSNL is executing Phase IX.2 project, 4G saturation project and LTE Phase-I upgradation projects to improve mobile services in Chhattisgarh. As on 28.02.2025, total 2909 4G sites have been commissioned by BSNL in the above projects in Chhattisgarh.

(e) Department of Posts through India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) is already offering banking facilities through 4,469 Post Offices in Chhattisgarh and has transformed its Post Offices into banking access points. IPPB is offering a range of services and products such as savings and current accounts, virtual debit card, internet and mobile banking, domestic money transfer services, bill and utility payments, insurance services for IPPB customers, online payment for Post Office Savings schemes, eKYC, Aadhaar enabled payment system (AePS). Further, the Department of Posts also operates small savings schemes on behalf of Ministry of Finance, including in Chhattisgarh State.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply of part (a) to (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4254 to be answered on 26th March, 2025 raised by Hon'ble Member of Parliament regarding "Improvement of Mobile Network in Chhattisgarh"

District wise details of 5G Base Transceiver Stations (BTSs) in Chhattisgarh:

S. No.	District Name	Numbers of 5G BTS
1	Balod	88
2	Baloda Bazar	179
3	Balrampur	114
4	Bastar	209
5	Bemetara	116
6	Bijapur	70
7	Bilaspur	637
8	Dantewada	56
9	Dhamtari	171
10	Durg	721
11	Gariaband	74
12	Gaurela Pendra Marwahi	42
13	Janjgir-Champa	254
14	Jashpur	184
15	Kabirdham	160
16	Kanker	151
17	Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai	33
18	Kondagaon	88
19	Korba	409
20	Koriya	80
21	Mahasamund	204
22	Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur	66
23	Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chouki	29
24	Mungeli	96
25	Narayanpur	26
26	Raigarh	381
27	Raipur	1152
28	Rajnandgaon	214
29	Sakti	154
30	Sarangarh-Bilairgarh	138
31	Sukma	42
32	Surajpur	135
33	Surguja	171
