

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 500
ANSWERED ON 23RD JULY, 2025**

4G NETWORK IN REMOTE TRIBAL AREAS OF DAHOD DISTRICT

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether BSNL has launched 4G network in remote tribal areas of Dahod district, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether a list of villages not covered by mobile network in Dahod has been prepared;
- (c) if so, whether any action plan has been prepared in this regard, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether any scheme has been announced for providing better internet facilities to students of Dahod for online education purpose and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) In line with Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, BSNL has placed purchase order for indigenously developed one lakh 4G sites for pan India deployment. Supply of 4G equipment has started from September 2023 and as on 30.06.2025, total 95,537 numbers 4G sites have been installed, out of which 90,035 numbers are ON-Air. BSNL is also executing 4G Saturation Project to enhance its network infrastructure and service quality in uncovered rural and remote areas including Dahod District of Gujarat. Presently, 18 tribal villages of Dahod District are covered with BSNL 4G Services.

(b) & (c) Two villages namely Bhimpura and Punakota of Dahod District do not have 4G coverage. Punakota village is planned under ongoing 4G Saturation Project for 4G coverage.

(d) BharatNet project (earlier known as National Optical Fiber Network) funded by Digital Bharat Nidhi (erstwhile USOF) is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats across the country. BharatNet Phase-II in eight States (Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Tamin Nadu and Telangana) is being implemented under State Led Model.

Further, Amended BharatNet program has been approved by the Union Cabinet on 04.08.2023 with an outlay of Rs. 1.39 Lakh Crores to extend fiber to all Gram Panchayats and villages on demand basis, including provisions for 1.5 Crores high speed FTTH broadband connections in rural areas. BSNL is the Project Management Agency for this scheme.

The schemes/projects being implemented under Digital India initiatives to improve the digital literacy in rural and tribal areas includes Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyaan (PMGDISHA), National Knowledge Network (NKN) and BHASHINI etc.
