

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 570  
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**DIGITAL LITERACY SCHEMES IN BADAUN**

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether many areas especially the rural areas of Badaun district of Uttar Pradesh having a population of over 31 lakh have weak telecommunications and internet infrastructure leading to hurdle in access to distance education, telemedicine, e-governance, and business-related digital services;
- (b) if so, the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to expand 4G/5G mobile network coverage, broadband access to launch affordable digital literacy schemes and to provide subsidies on telecommunications equipments in Badaun district; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) As of October 2025, 1,673 villages out of 1,678 villages are covered with mobile internet connectivity in Badaun district of Uttar Pradesh.
- (b) & (c) Mobile coverage for any uncovered inhabited villages is provided by the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) based on the techno-commercial viability. Government, through funding from Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN), is implementing various schemes for expansion of telecom connectivity through installation of 4G mobile towers in uncovered villages.

In addition, BharatNet project is implemented to provide high-speed broadband connectivity such as Wi-Fi Hotspots, Fibre to the Home (FTTH) connections etc. to all the Gram Panchayats (GPs) and villages on demand basis including Badaun district.

Schemes like Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) were launched under the Digital India Programme to achieve digital literacy leading to training of 6.39 crore individuals across the country including 3,20,699 individuals in badaun district. Further, 7417 candidates have applied under various digital literacy courses provided by National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT) in Badaun district.

Government has taken various steps for expansion of 5G services across the country including auction of spectrum for 5G mobile services, removal of spectrum usage charges for spectrum acquired in auction 2022 onwards, launch of Gati Shakti Sanchar Portal and Right of Way rules to streamline permissions for installation of telecommunication infrastructure including time bound permission for use of street furniture for installation of small cells and telecommunication lines.

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