

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4273
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18TH MARCH, 2026**

**IMPLEMENTATION OF BHARATNET AND TELECOM CONNECTIVITY IN MAU
DISTRICT, UTTAR PRADESH**

4273. SHRI RAJEEV RAI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Gram Panchayats in Mau district including Ghosi constituency made service-ready and operational under the BharatNet project during the years 2024–26;
- (b) the status of 4G and 5G mobile network coverage in the district;
- (c) the total funds released under BharatNet and other rural telecom initiatives in Uttar Pradesh and the expenditure incurred in Mau district;
- (d) whether any review has identified connectivity gaps in rural areas of the district and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the steps taken by the Government to promote digital access and digital literacy in Ghosi?

ANSWER

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

- (a) In Mau district including Ghosi constituency, 596 Gram Panchayats (GPs) have been made service-ready under the BharatNet Project during the period 2024–26.
- (b) All villages in Mau district are covered with 4G/5G mobile connectivity. As on 28.02.2026, 2,544 4G Base Transceiver Stations (BTSs) and 596 5G BTSs have been commissioned in the district.
- (c) As on 28.02.2026, an amount of ₹6,638.56 crore under BharatNet and ₹1,184.17 crore under other mobile connectivity projects has been disbursed from Digital Bharat Nidhi for providing telecom connectivity in the State of Uttar Pradesh, including Mau district.
- (d) & (e) Under the Amended BharatNet Programme, the following measures have been taken to enhance to digital access through high-speed broadband connectivity in rural and remote areas across the country including Ghosi constituency of Uttar Pradesh.
 - (i) Creation and upgradation of BharatNet network in ring architecture for improved reliability;
 - (ii) Operation and Maintenance of the network for 10 years;
 - (iii) Establishment of a dedicated Network Operations Centre (NOC); and
 - (iv) Provision of 1.5 crore FTTH connections.
