

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6183  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01<sup>ST</sup> APRIL, 2026**

**4G SATURATION PROJECT IN UNCOVERED VILLAGES**

**6183. SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:  
SHRI SHANKAR LALWANI:  
SHRI JASWANTSINH SUMANBHAI BHABHOR:  
SMT. HIMADRI SINGH:  
SHRI VISHWESHWAR HEGDE KAGERI:  
SHRI TAPIR GAO:  
SHRI CHINTAMANI MAHARAJ:  
SMT. MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI CHAVAN RAVINDRA VASANTRAO:  
SHRI NABA CHARAN MAJHI:  
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:  
SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR:  
SHRI P P CHAUDHARY:  
SHRI ANOOP PRADHAN VALMIKI:  
SHRI CHAVDA VINOD LAKHAMSHI:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and total number of uncovered villages identified under the 4G Saturation Project to provide mobile connectivity across the country, State/UT and district-wise including particularly in Hathras Lok Sabha Constituency of Uttar Pradesh, Palnadu district, Pali Lok Sabha Constituency, Shahdol, Anuppur and Umari district and Surguja Division;
- (b) the details and number of mobile towers installed so far under the said project along with the number of villages where 4G services have been started/provided Hathras district, Dahod Lok Sabha Constituency, Shahdol Lok Sabha Constituency, Surguja Division;
- (c) the details of total funds allocated and released for implementation of the said project since its sanction;
- (d) the timeframe fixed for completion of the said project particularly to provide 4G connectivity in remaining rural areas;
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure speedy connectivity State and district-wise including in rural remote and forested area, border and aspirational districts particularly in Kachchh Lok Sabha Constituency and Surguja Division, Palnadu district and Pali Lok Sabha Constituency;
- (f) whether the Government has any scheme in place to ensure high speed internet connectivity to Government schools, Health Centres and Gram Panchayat Buildings;
- (g) the total funds allocated and released for implementation of the project since its approval and timeline fixed for completion of the project; and

(h) the steps taken by the Ministry to expedite mobile connectivity in remote, border and aspirational districts, particularly in underserved areas of Andhra Pradesh including Palnadu district?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (e) & (h) Government has approved 4G Saturation Project to provide 4G mobile connectivity in uncovered villages across country including villages in border area and aspirational districts. As on 28.02.2026, 14,301 towers have been made on-air under this project, which has covered 21,384 villages. As on 28.02.2026, total funds disbursed under 4G Saturation Project is Rs. 9417.88 crore. State-wise, number of mobile towers sanctioned, on-air towers and villages covered under this project, as on 28.02.2026, is available on Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) website (<https://usof.gov.in/en/home>).

Status of 4G Saturation Project, in Hathras Lok Sabha Constituency - Uttar Pradesh, Palnadu District - Andhra Pradesh, Pali Lok Sabha Constituency - Rajasthan, Anuppur, Sahdol and Umaria Districts - Madhya Pradesh, Surguja Division - Chhattisgarh, Dahod and Kachchh Lok Sabha Constituencies - Gujarat, is available on DBN website (<https://usof.gov.in/en/home>).

(f) & (g) BharatNet program, which has been funded through DBN, has a mandate to provide broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (GPs). The Amended BharatNet Program (ABP), approved on 04.08.2023, has provision to utilise the BharatNet network, including approximately 1.5 crore fiber to the home (FTTH) connections across all States/UTs with priority to cover Government institutions including schools, Primary Health Centers, Anganwadis, Panchayat offices etc. over five years. As on 28.02.2026, total funds disbursed under BharatNet Project is Rs. 48,372.50 crore.

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