

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2398
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st DECEMBER, 2022**

NATIONAL BROADBAND MISSION

2398. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that the Government has set target under National Broadband Mission to provide broadband connectivity to all villages by 2022-23, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the target of achieving 60% coverage of broadband by 2021-22 has been achieved, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and the efforts being made to achieve 2021-22 target; and
- (d) the details of plan of action for achieving the target for 2022-23?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)**

- (a) The targets under the National Broadband Mission are as below:

Target	1-year (2020-21)	2-year (2021-22)	3-year (2022-23)
Broadband Connectivity to Villages (%)	50%	60%	100%

- (b) & (c) 93.05% villages in the country are having coverage of Mobile Broadband (3G & 4G).

- (d) Activities and action plan under the National Broadband Mission is as below –

Broadband Connectivity to Villages – Broadband/Internet services are provided in a phased manner by the Government and Telecom Services Provider (TSPs) in the uncovered villages of the country. The Government, with funding from Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF), has schemes namely Comprehensive Telecom Development Plan for North Eastern Region, Left Wing Extremism (LWE) Affected Area schemes, Aspirational Districts Schemes, Comprehensive Telecom Development Plan for Islands, etc. to extend Broadband/Internet services through setting up of towers in the uncovered villages of the country.

The Union Cabinet on 27.07.2022 approved a project for saturation of 4G mobile services in uncovered villages across the country at a total cost of Rs. 26,316 Cr. The project will provide 4G mobile services in remaining 24,680 uncovered villages in remote and difficult areas. In addition, 6,279 villages having only 2G/3G connectivity shall be upgraded to 4G.
