

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 338
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH NOVEMBER, 2024**

4G NETWORK COVERAGE IN KARNATAKA

338 SHRI NARAYANA KORAGAPPA:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether more than one thousand villages in Karnataka are still deprived of 4G network access;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there are any schemes/ programmes under the Universal Service Obligation Fund to provide funds to the uncovered 4G network in the above villages; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) In Karnataka, 28,891 villages have 4G mobile coverage out of total 29,818 villages as on 30.09.2024. Under Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) (erstwhile Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF)), '4G Saturation Project' scheme is under execution. 175 villages so far have been covered under 4G by installation and commissioning of 144 towers in the State under the scheme.
