

Title: Reg: Setting up of 4G mobile towers in Gajapati district, Odisha.

SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU (BERHAMPUR): I received reply of my 377 Notice from the Ministry of Communications in December, 2021 that the Cabinet has approved USFOF Funded Scheme to provide 4G based mobile services in 7,287 uncovered villages of 44 Aspirational Districts across Five States. This envisaged setting up of 2379 4G based mobile towers to cover 3933 uncovered villages in 10 Aspirational Districts of Odisha. In this, installation of 264 towers to cover 467 uncovered villages of Gajapati District are also included. The Request for Proposal for implementation of scheme was floated on 7.12.2021.

I discussed with various service providers about status of the scheme in my Parliamentary Constituency, Berhampur, but there has been no progress on the ground level. Today all of us know the importance of Internet. All development activities, including those meant for students. It is utmost necessary to carry out our day to day activities. The government has been showing sweet dreams to the people of Odisha and there is no development in the Village even after one year.

I, therefore, request the Government to fix time frame for setting up of 4G towers in Gajapati District to cover 467 uncovered villages so that the rural population are benefited.