

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1620
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13TH DECEMBER, 2023**

TELE-COMMUNICATION SYSTEM IN SHIMLA

1620. SHRI SURESH KUMAR KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the Tele-communication system in Shimla Parliamentary Constituency; and
- (b) the time by which BSNL is likely to start 5G services in Himachal Pradesh including the Shimla Parliamentary Constituency?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Telecom connectivity in Himachal Pradesh has improved significantly in last 10 years. Total number of Base Transceiver Stations (BTSs) have increased from 6,365 in March-2014 to 28,985 in November-2023. Total mobile subscribers have increased from 71.19 Lakh in March-2014 to 89.03 Lakh in August-2023. Internet subscribers have increased from 23.7 Lakh in Dec-2014 to 63.1 Lakh in June-2023.

For improving the telecom connectivity in Himachal Pradesh, a total of 1,439 towers have been planned under various schemes at the cost of Rs. 1439.41 Cr. These towers will improve mobile connectivity in 1,930 villages.

5G service is already available in Himachal Pradesh. Details of 5G deployment across India are available on DoT website.

Further, BSNL also has issued purchase order for procurement of 1 Lakh sites to rollout 4G services all over India. This equipment is upgradable to 5G.
