

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 639  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2023**

**5G MOBILE SERVICE IN RURAL AREAS**

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government aims to provide free 5G mobile service in rural areas to provide better connectivity;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the various efforts being made by the Government to provide better mobile services in Rajgarh Parliamentary Constituency; and
- (d) the details of the steps being made by the Government to provide better connectivity in mobile service in rural areas where mobile service is not yet available?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b) India has one of the most affordable data rates in the world. Cost of data has reduced from Rs. 269 per GB in 2014 to Rs. 9.94 per GB in 2023. 5G roll out in the country has been one of the fastest and there is no additional cost for 5G users.

(c) & (d) Rajgarh parliamentary constituency is part of three districts (Rajgarh, Part of Agar Malwa and Guna district). In these districts, out of total 3,555 villages, 3,512 villages are covered with mobile services.

Government through funding from Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) is implementing various schemes including 4G Saturation Scheme for providing mobile network coverage in all uncovered villages in the country.

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