

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 333
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH NOVEMBER, 2024**

MOBILE NETWORK IN ODISHA

333 SMT. MAMATA MOHANTA:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that mobile service connectivity and call drop is very high in interior and rural areas of Odisha particularly in Mayurbhanj;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that BSNL and private mobile service network need to be improvised;
- (c) if so, whether Government has taken such steps to improve the mobile connectivity in rural areas of Odisha particularly in Mayurbhanj;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of mobile tower installed by Government and private companies in Mayurbhanj and neighboring districts in last three years?

ANSWER

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

- (a) As per Performance Monitoring Report (PMR) published by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) for quarter ending Sept-2024, all Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) are meeting the prescribed benchmark for call drop rate in Odisha.
- (b) Telecom Operators including BSNL regularly improve the mobile services by optimizing their existing mobile network.
- (c) & (d) Total 1706 no. of mobile towers in Odisha and 18 no. of mobile towers in Mayurbhanj District have been installed under various schemes initiated by the Government through Digital Bharat Nidhi Scheme (erstwhile USOF) to improve mobile connectivity in uncovered villages of Odisha.
- (e) Total no. of mobile towers installed by Government and Private Companies in the Mayurbhanj and neighboring districts in last three years are as follows –

Name of District	No. of Mobile Towers Installed				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Mayurbhanj	71	49	57	76	253
Kendujhar	80	76	80	60	296
Baleswar	80	74	178	53	385
