

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 34  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2025**

**TELECOM CONNECTIVITY IN PVTG HABITATIONS, RURAL, REMOTE AND HILLY  
AREAS OF THE COUNTRY**

**34 # SHRI ADITYA PRASAD:**

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is running any special scheme for installation of mobile towers to promote telecom connectivity in rural, remote and hilly areas of the country including Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) habitations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any special project has been identified for strengthening mobile connectivity in PVTG habitations and rural areas in Jharkhand and in other States; and
- (d) if so, the number of mobile towers that have been installed and proposed to be installed under it?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN  
REGION  
(SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)**

- (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF RAJYA SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 34 FOR 06<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2025 REGARDING “TELECOM CONNECTIVITY IN PVTG HABITATIONS, RURAL, REMOTE AND HILLY AREAS OF THE COUNTRY.”**

**(a) to (d):** Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) funds following specific schemes to provide mobile connectivity to the uncovered villages of rural, remote, hilly & Left-Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas of the country.:

S.N.	Specific Scheme(s)
1	4G Saturation Scheme
2	7287 uncovered villages of Aspirational Districts
3	Left Wing Extremism Phase-II
4	Left Wing Extremism Phase-I Upgradation
5	Uncovered Villages of Arunachal Pradesh and 2 Districts of Assam
6	Uncovered Villages of Meghalaya and National Highway (NH)
7	502 uncovered villages of Aspirational Districts
8	354 Uncovered Village Scheme
9	Lakshadweep Islands
10	Uncovered villages and NH of Andaman & Nicobar Islands
As per list received from Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) to provide Mobile services to PVTG habitations under PRADHAN MANTRI JANJATI ADIVASI NYAYA MAHA ABHIYAN (PM JANMAN) under DBN funded 4G mobile projects, as on 31.12.24 the details are as <b>Annexed.</b>	

**Annexure**

Annexure refer to in part (a) to (d) of the Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 34 for answer on 06-02-2025

<b>S. No</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Towers planned</b>	<b>Habitations planned for Coverage</b>	<b>Towers installed</b>	<b>Habitations covered</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	742	1300	341	620
2	Chhattisgarh	103	150	19	28
3	Gujarat	26	41	11	18
4	Jharkhand	8	12	0	0
5	Karnataka	17	18	5	6
6	Kerala	27	41	10	19
7	Madhya Pradesh	138	158	16	20
8	Maharashtra	213	271	67	100
9	Odisha	331	426	31	61
10	Rajasthan	3	3	2	2
11	Tamil Nadu	28	53	3	4
12	Telangana	64	77	11	12
13	Tripura	12	39	3	11
14	Uttar Pradesh	2	3	0	0
15	West Bengal	2	3	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,716</b>	<b>2,595</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>901</b>

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