

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1612
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13TH MARCH, 2025**

INSTALLATION OF MOBILE TOWERS IN RURAL AREAS

1612 SHRI BABUBHAI JESANGBHAI DESAI:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the villagers in village Mauja Chondhi, Nashik district are still facing financial loss due to the absence of a mobile tower, if so, the details of mobile tower installed in that village and steps taken to solve the issues;
- (b) whether telecom companies have made any plan to install mobile towers in country particularly in rural areas of Nashik, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of negative impact on education and agriculture due to the absence of a mobile tower in the villages?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) There are two villages named Chondhi in the Nashik district, out of these, at present, Chondhi village in Sinnar block is covered with 4G mobile connectivity.

Mobile coverage in an area is provided by the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) based on their techno-commercial viability. Government is implementing various schemes under Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) for expansion of telecom connectivity through installation of 4G mobile towers in the rural, tribal and remote areas of the country, including Maharashtra. As on February 2025, 40 towers have been commissioned in Nasik District under DBN funded 4G Saturation scheme, providing 4G mobile coverage to 50 villages.
