

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1295
ANSWERED ON 31ST JULY, 2025**

EXPANSION OF TELECOM INFRASTRUCTURE IN RURAL AREAS

1295 SMT. REKHA SHARMA:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of mobile towers installed under the 4G Saturation Scheme as of July 2025;
- (b) the States where rural and remote villages have been newly connected through these towers;
and
- (c) the progress made in expanding telecom services in Aspirational Districts under the Digital India initiative?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) The 4G Saturation Scheme has provision to provide 4G mobile services in uncovered villages. As on 30th June 2025, a total number of 12,062 mobile towers covering 17,624 villages have been commissioned under this scheme. The state-wise details of towers commissioned, and villages covered under the 4G Saturation Scheme are available on DBN website (<https://usof.gov.in/en/home>).

(c) In Aspirational Districts, using the funds of Digital Bharat Nidhi, under the BharatNet program, 28,263 Gram Panchayats (GPs) have been made service ready, and 6,713 mobile towers have been commissioned till 30th June 2025.
