GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2101
ANSWERED ON 7TH AUGUST, 2025

EXPANSION OF MOBILE NETWORK TO VILLAGES

2101 SHRI ANIL KUMAR YADAV MANDADI:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as many as 19,882 villages in the country are not having any mobile coverage;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has drawn any comprehensive plan to provide mobile coverage to those villages; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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(a) to (d) As of May 2025, out of 6,44,131 villages in the country (as per data of Registrar General of India), 6,29,027 villages are covered with mobile connectivity.

Mobile coverage for any uncovered inhabited villages is provided by the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) based on the techno-commercial viability. Government, through funding from Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN), is implementing various schemes for expansion of telecom connectivity through installation of mobile towers in the rural, remote and border areas of the country. Till Jun 2025, 21,748 mobile towers have been commissioned under various DBN funded schemes, providing mobile connectivity to 29,852 villages in the country.

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