

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

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 135
ANSWERED ON 11TH DECEMBER, 2025**

DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE IN TAMIL NADU

135 SHRI K.R.N. RAJESHKUMAR:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that BSNL network coverage is poor in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details of measures taken to improve infrastructure and connectivity there;
- (b) the details of timeline for achieving 100 per cent mobile coverage, especially in hilly and coastal areas;
- (c) the details of mechanism to monitor service quality and ensure minimum connectivity standards; and
- (d) the number of projects being implemented under the Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) in the State to improve the telecommunication services, the timeline for completion of projects and funds allocated for it during the last three years, year-wise?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN
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- (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.135 FOR 11TH DECEMBER, 2025 REGARDING “DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE IN TAMIL NADU.”

(a) & (b) Out of total 16,488 villages in the state of Tamil Nadu (as per data of Registrar General of India-2019), 16,485 villages are covered with mobile connectivity and out of these, 16,452 villages have 4G mobile connectivity.

To further improve telecom infrastructure and connectivity, BSNL is rolling out one lakh indigenously developed 4G sites for pan India deployment. As on 30.11.2025, total 97,401 sites have been installed and 94,458 4G sites are ON-Air. In Tamil Nadu, BSNL is installing 7,323 indigenous 4G sites and as on 30.11.2025, 7,321 sites are ON-Air. Further, the Union Cabinet on 27.07.2022 has approved 4G Saturation Scheme to provide 4G mobile services in uncovered villages including hilly and coastal across the country and as a part of this scheme, total 257 towers covering 308 villages of Tamil Nadu are planned for 4G services out of which 255 tower covering 297 villages are ON-Air as on 30.11.2025. Additionally, 57 villages of Tamil Nadu have also been included under 4G Saturation project. The expected date of completion of 4G Saturation project is December, 2026.

Further, BharatNet project is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all the Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country, including Tamil Nadu. Further, the Union Cabinet has approved Amended BharatNet Program for provisioning of connectivity to all GPs in the country, including Tamil Nadu, in ring topology including upgrading existing network and connectivity to about 3.8 Lakh non-GP villages on demand basis.

(c) TRAI regularly monitors the performance of Telecom service providers against the benchmark for various Quality-of-Service (QoS) parameters. The PMR reports are published on TRAI website (<https://traigov.in/release-publication/qos-reports/pmr-reports>).

(d) The schemes and year-wise details of funds allocated/disbursed in Tamil Nadu during the last five years are attached at **Annexure-I**.

Annexure-I of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 135 for 11.12.2025

Year-wise details of funds allocated/disbursed in Tamil Nadu during the last five years

(₹ In Crores)

Financial Year	Funds allocated/disbursed		Total
	Bharat Net	4G Saturation	
2020-21	39.44	0	39.44
2021-22	74.21	0	74.21
2022-23	81.97	21.75	103.72
2023-24	503.50	69.90	573.40
2024-25	286.88	49.94	336.82
Total	986.00	141.59	1,127.60
