

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

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 225
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH MARCH, 2026**

STRENGTHENING MOBILE NETWORK

225 # SHRI HARSH MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by Government to strengthen and expand the mobile network in the country and the budget allocated for this purpose;
- (b) whether Government is considering to provide mobile network connectivity in remote areas of Himachal Pradesh where such facilities are still unavailable; and
- (c) whether any provision has been made in the budget to maintain and expand mobile network there, and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (c) 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 (c) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 225 FOR 12TH MARCH, 2026 REGARDING “STRENGTHENING MOBILE NETWORK.”

(a) to (c) The Department of Telecommunications has approved various mobile projects from Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN), to provide 4G mobile connectivity in remote and rural villages of the country, including in the State of Himachal Pradesh.

As on 31.1.2026, 32,041 villages/locations have been covered with 26,972 4G mobile Base Transceiver Stations (BTSs) through mobile projects funded by DBN across the country, including 1,006 villages/locations in the State of Himachal Pradesh that have been covered with 609 BTSs. Further, 6,958 sites across the country have been approved under the 4G Saturation Project, including 104 sites in the State of Himachal Pradesh.

For the current financial year, an allotment of ₹4,000 crore has been made for DBN, for the expansion of mobile network across the country, including in the State of Himachal Pradesh.
