

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 19
ANSWERED ON 29TH JANUARY, 2026**

DIGITAL CONNECTVITY IN ODISHA

19 SHRI MUZIBULLA KHAN:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of mobile and broadband connectivity in rural and tribal areas of Odisha;
- (b) the number of uncovered villages identified under BharatNet in the State;
- (c) the steps taken to improve telecom services in KBK and coastal districts;
- (d) whether 5G services have been launched in major cities of the State; and
- (e) the timeline for achieving universal digital connectivity in the State?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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- (a) In Odisha, mobile coverage has currently been provided in 49,922 villages including rural and tribal areas, while broadband/Internet connectivity is available in 49,401 villages. A total of 1,04,264 Base Transceiver Stations (BTSS) are operational in the State as on 31.12.2025.
- (b) Under the Amended BharatNet Programme of BharatNet Project in Odisha, 44 Gram Panchayats have been identified for connectivity and 44,456 villages have been identified for connectivity on a demand basis.
- (c), (d) & (e)
 - i. To improve telecom services in the KBK and coastal districts of Odisha, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), through the Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN), is implementing various DBN-funded mobile schemes and the BharatNet Programme to provide 4G mobile services and broadband connectivity.
 - ii. Yes, the total number of 5G BTS installed in Odisha state is 14,361 as on 31.12.2025.
 - iii. Universal digital connectivity in Odisha is being progressively achieved with the help of ongoing DBN-funded mobile projects and the BharatNet Project.
