

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 19  
ANSWERED ON 29<sup>TH</sup> 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  
(DR. PEMMASANI CHANDRA SEKHAR)**

- (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.

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