

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2268
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH MARCH, 2026**

TELECOM CONNECTIVITY IN ODISHA

2268 SMT. SULATA DEO:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has conducted a gap analysis of telecom connectivity in aspirational and tribal districts of Odisha; and
- (b) if so, the district-wise details thereof and the steps taken to bridge the gaps?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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(a) & (b) The Licensed Service Areas (LSAs), the field units of Department of Telecommunications regularly analyses mobile network coverage data to identify telecom connectivity gaps in the Country, including aspirational and tribal districts of Odisha. As of January 2026, out of 51,176 villages in the state of Odisha, 49,939 villages are covered with mobile connectivity. District-wise mobile coverage status in the State of Odisha is at **Annexure**.

Government, through funding from Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN), is implementing various schemes for expansion of telecom connectivity through installation of 4G mobile towers in the rural, remote and border areas of the country including the State of Odisha. As of February 2026, 3,584 sites have been commissioned in the State of Odisha under DBN funded mobile schemes, providing mobile coverage to 5,289 villages/locations.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply of part (a) and (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2268 to be answered on 12th March, 2026 raised by Hon'ble Member of Parliament regarding "Telecom Connectivity in Odisha"

District-wise mobile coverage status in the State of Odisha:

District	Total No. of villages (as per RGI data)	No. of villages having mobile connectivity
Anugul	1887	1849
Balangir	1777	1771
Baleshwar	2925	2924
Bargarh	1195	1191
Baudh	1182	1137
Bhadrak	1295	1290
Cuttack	1970	1956
Debagarh	835	782
Dhenkanal	1199	1195
Gajapati	1609	1553
Ganjam	3204	3100
Jagatsinghapur	1297	1295
Jajapur	1826	1804
Jharsuguda	354	354
Kalahandi	2274	2178
Kandhamal	2578	2455
Kendrapara	1553	1538
Kendujhar	2105	2073
Khordha	1541	1523
Koraput	2047	1959
Malkangiri	1036	924
Mayurbhanj	3940	3865
Nabarangapur	880	875
Nayagarh	1659	1565
Nuapada	663	652
Puri	1702	1696
Rayagada	2671	2526
Sambalpur	1256	1227
Subarnapur	951	941
Sundargarh	1765	1741
Total	51,176	49,939
