

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3054
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH MARCH, 2026**

TELECOM CONNECTIVITY IN ODISHA

3054 SHRI MANAS RANJAN MANGARAJ:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has identified mobile network and broadband connectivity gaps in tribal and border districts of Odisha including Koraput, Malkangiri, Nabarangpur, Rayagada, Kandhamal and Gajapati;
- (b) if so, the number of villages and habitations still facing no coverage/poor coverage, along with details of uncovered National Highway/State Highway stretches and railway corridors, district wise; and
- (c) the number of new telecom towers sanctioned and commissioned in these districts during the last three years under USOF/4G saturation projects and other schemes, district wise?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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(a) to (c) Out of 51,176 villages in the State of Odisha (as per data of Registrar General of India), 49,999 villages are covered with mobile connectivity including the tribal and border district. Further, 6,785 Gram Panchayats (GPs) in Odisha have been made service-ready for internet connectivity under the BharatNet project. District-wise details of villages covered with mobile connectivity in Odisha are at **Annex-I**.

National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) identified 27 locations uncovered in Odisha, out of which 05 locations are covered and 03 locations are partly covered.

As on 28.02.2026, 3,003 telecom towers were commissioned in last 3 years under various mobile schemes funded by Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN), in Odisha. District-wise number of telecom towers commissioned in last 3 years in Odisha are at **Annex-II**.

Annex-I referred to in the reply to parts (a) to (c) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3054 to be answered on 19th March, 2026, raised by Hon'ble Member of Parliament, regarding "Telecom Connectivity in Odisha"

District-wise details of villages covered with mobile connectivity in Odisha

Sl. No.	District	Total Villages	No. of villages have mobile connectivity
1	Angul	1887	1848
2	Balangir	1777	1772
3	Baleshwar	2925	2924
4	Bargarh	1195	1191
5	Baudh	1182	1139
6	Bhadrak	1295	1290
7	Cuttack	1970	1956
8	Deogarh	835	785
9	Dhenkanal	1199	1195
10	Gajapati	1609	1560
11	Ganjam	3204	3109
12	Jagatsinghpur	1297	1295
13	Jajapur	1826	1804
14	Jharsuguda	354	354
15	Kalahandi	2274	2179
16	Kandhamal	2578	2462
17	Kendrapada	1553	1538
18	Keonjhar	2105	2075
19	Khurda	1541	1523
20	Koraput	2047	1959
21	Malkangiri	1036	929
22	Mayurbhanj	3940	3875
23	Nabarangpur	880	875
24	Nayagarh	1659	1570
25	Nuapada	663	653
26	Puri	1702	1696
27	Rayagada	2671	2528
28	Sambalpur	1256	1229
29	Subarnapur	951	941
30	Sundergarh	1765	1745
	Total	51,176	49,999

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District-wise number of telecom towers commissioned in last 3 years under various mobile schemes funded by Digital Bharat Nidhi, in Odisha

S.N.	District	Tower commissioned in last 3 year
1	Angul	72
2	Balangir	15
3	Baleshwar	1
4	Bargarh	9
5	Bhadrak	3
6	Boudh	51
7	Cuttack	14
8	Debagarh	62
9	Dhenkanal	23
10	Gajapati	350
11	Ganjam	89
12	Jajapur	26
13	Jharsuguda	3
14	Kalahandi	238
15	Kandhamal	622
16	Kendrapara	2
17	Kendujhar	52
18	Khordha	0
19	Koraput	300
20	Malkangiri	144
21	Mayurbhanj	79
22	Nabarangpur	37
23	Nayagarh	73
24	Nuapada	41
25	Puri	0
26	Rayagada	452
27	Sambalpur	65
28	Subarnapur	9
29	Sundargarh	171
	Total	3,003
