

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 277  
ANSWERED ON 13<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2026**

**TELECOM SERVICES IN J&K**

**277 SHRI CHOWDRY MOHAMMAD RAMZAN:**

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of remote villages in Jammu and Kashmir that still lack basic 4G or 5G mobile connectivity;
- (b) the current status of optical fibre cable installation under the BharatNet project in rural blocks of the Union Territory; and
- (c) the regulatory steps taken to minimize frequent internet disruptions impacting local businesses and students?

**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. 277 FOR 13<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2026 REGARDING “TELECOM SERVICES IN J&K” ASKED BY SHRI CHOWDRY MOHAMMAD RAMZAN.**

(a): As of June 2026, out of 6,474 villages in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir (as per data of the Registrar General of India), 6,230 villages have mobile connectivity, of which 6,212 villages have 4G/5G mobile connectivity.

(b): Government has launched the Amended BharatNet Programme to provide high-speed optical fibre-based broadband connectivity through BharatNet to all Gram Panchayats (GPs), and to non-GP villages on demand basis. As on 30.6.2026, 1,790 km length of optical fibre cable has been laid in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir under BharatNet.

(c): The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India monitors the performance of service providers for wireline and wireless access services and wireline and wireless broadband services, including internet services, for each Licensed Service Area against the benchmark for various quality of service parameters prescribed in regulations made by the Authority. As per performance monitoring reports published by the Authority for the month of June 2026 for mobile services, all service providers met the benchmarks of all network related quality of parameters in various Licensed Service Areas in the country, including in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

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