

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

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ANSWERED ON 30th JULY, 2026**

MOBILE AND BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY IN GOA

1290 SHRI SADANAND MHALU SHET TANAVADE:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of villages and remote areas in Goa identified under 4G Saturation Project and BharatNet for providing mobile and broadband connectivity, district-wise, along with the present status of implementation;
- (b) the number of villages in the State identified for 4G mobile connectivity, the number of villages connected, so far and those yet to be connected, the reasons for the delay and the revised timeline for completion of the project; and
- (c) the year-wise details of funds allocated and utilised under the Digital Bharat Nidhi and BharatNet schemes for telecom infrastructure development in the State during the last five years?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(DR. PEMMASANI CHANDRA SEKHAR)**

(a) to (c) Under Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) funded 4G Saturation Project, 25 and 14 mobile towers have been commissioned in the district of North Goa and South Goa covering 31 and 15 villages respectively. Further, as per data maintained by the Registrar General of India, there are 392 villages in Goa and 356 villages are having 4G connectivity.

Government of India has approved the Amended BharatNet Programme (ABP) on 04.08.2023 for the upgradation of 2.65 lakh Gram Panchayats (GPs) across the country using ring topology, including 191 Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the state of Goa. The approved project cost under Amended BharatNet Programme (ABP) for the state of Goa is Rs. 170 Crore.
