

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2098
ANSWERED ON 06th AUGUST, 2026**

TELECOM INFRASTRUCTURE IN TAMIL NADU

2098 DR. M. DHANAPAL:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether telecom connectivity gaps continue to persist in certain parts of Tamil Nadu, particularly in remote and coastal regions;
- (b) the extent of mobile and broadband infrastructure expanded under Government-supported programmes in the State;
- (c) the findings available with Government regarding quality of telecom services and internet accessibility in the State;
- (d) the roadmap prepared for improving digital connectivity and communication networks across the State; and
- (e) the district-wise progress achieved under major telecom infrastructure projects in the State?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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(a) to (b) & (d) to (e) As per data maintained by the Registrar General of India, there are 16,488 villages in Tamil Nadu and 16,482 villages have been covered with mobile services, including 16,447 villages with 4G connectivity. District-wise details are at **Annexure-I**.

BharatNet program has been approved for provision for broadband connectivity in a phased manner to all Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country, including Tamil Nadu State. Further, the Government has approved the Amended BharatNet Program (ABP) for upgradation of the existing network created under Phase-I and Phase-II of BharatNet and to create incremental network for new GPs, and to connect the non-GP villages on demand basis, operation and maintenance and provision of 1.5 crore fibre internet connections in the country. The Government of India has approved the proposal of Government of Tamil Nadu for Utilization of BharatNet Network under Amended BharatNet Program in the State and agreement for the same has already been shared with the State Government for signing. During June 2026, 9280 GPs are operational under BharatNet in the state of Tamil Nadu.

Under the Government-funded 4G Saturation Project, as on 30.6.2026, 257 mobile towers have been commissioned in the State of Tamil Nadu, covering 308 villages in rural and remote areas and District-wise list is available at **Annexure-II**.

(c) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) regularly monitors the performance of Telecom Service Providers against the benchmark for various Quality-of-Service (QoS) parameters and the reports published by TRAI in this regard (Performance Monitoring Reports) are available on TRAI website (<https://www.trai.gov.in/release-publication/qos-reports/pmr-reports>).

Annexure referred to in the reply to part (a) to (b) & (d) to (e) of Rajya Sabha Un-starred Question No. 2098, to be answered on 06th August, 2026

District-wise details of 4G connectivity in Tamil Nadu as on 30.06.2026

S. No.	District	Total number of villages (as per RGI data of 2019)	Number of villages with 4G Connectivity
1	Ariyalur	214	214
2	Chengalpattu	601	601
3	Coimbatore	256	254
4	Cuddalore	843	843
5	Dharmapuri	487	478
6	Dindigul	370	370
7	Erode	306	306
8	Kallakurichi	582	577
9	Kancheepuram	436	436
10	Kanniyakumari	115	115
11	Karur	175	175
12	Krishnagiri	661	657
13	Madurai	592	591
14	Nagapattinam	494	494
15	Namakkal	427	427
16	Perambalur	159	159
17	Pudukkottai	756	756
18	Ramanathapuram	398	398
19	Ranipet	316	316
20	Salem	616	609
21	Sivaganga	539	538
22	Tenkasi	229	228
23	Thanjavur	810	810
24	The Nilgiris	41	41
25	Theni	101	99
26	Thiruvallur	716	716
27	Thiruvarur	546	546
28	Thoothukkudi	450	450
29	Tiruchirappalli	469	468
30	Tirunelveli	284	284
31	Tirupathur	226	225
32	Tiruppur	309	308
33	Tiruvannamalai	1110	1107
34	Vellore	340	338
35	Viluppuram	921	920
36	Virudhunagar	593	593
Total		16,488	16,447

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District-wise details of mobile towers commissioned under Digital Bharat Nidhi in the State of Tamil Nadu as on 30.06.2026

S. No.	District	Towers commissioned	Villages covered
1.	Coimbatore	2	4
2.	Dharmapuri	11	19
3.	Dindigul	12	13
4.	Erode	9	9
5.	Kallakurichi	32	33
6.	Kanyakumari	17	17
7.	Karur	2	2
8.	Krishnagiri	8	10
9.	Madurai	13	14
10.	Namakkal	26	27
11.	Salem	28	39
12.	Sivaganga	5	5
13.	Tenkasi	3	3
14.	Thanjavur	2	2
15.	The Nilgiris	4	21
16.	Theni	3	3
17.	Thiruvallur	19	19
18.	Thoothukkudi	2	2
19.	Tiruchirappalli	7	7
20.	Tirunelveli	8	8
21.	Tirupathur	3	7
22.	Tiruppur	1	1
23.	Tiruvannamalai	28	31
24.	Vellore	11	11
25.	Viluppuram	1	1
Total		257	308
