

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

**RAJYA SABHA
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DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY IN ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS OF BIHAR

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Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has assessed the availability and quality of telecom and broadband connectivity in the Aspirational Districts of Bihar;
- (b) whether inadequate digital infrastructure continues to affect education, healthcare, governance and financial inclusion in these districts;
- (c) the measures taken to improve mobile coverage, optical fibre connectivity and digital infrastructure in underserved areas; and
- (d) whether a time-bound plan has been prepared to achieve universal digital connectivity in the State?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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(a) to (d): As of June 2026, out of 17,380 villages (as per the data of Registrar General of India) in the Aspirational districts of Bihar, 17,361 villages have mobile connectivity including 17,354 villages with 4G connectivity.

As on 30.06.2026, 1,00,721 4G Base Transceiver Stations (BTSS) and 30,731 5G BTSS are providing connectivity in Bihar including 31,829 4G BTSS and 9,705 5G BTSS in the Aspirational districts of Bihar.

Mobile coverage for any uncovered inhabited villages is provided by the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) based on the techno-commercial viability. Government has approved various schemes with funding from Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN), for expansion of telecom connectivity through installation of mobile towers in the uncovered rural and remote areas of the country, including aspirational districts of Bihar. Under the Government-funded projects, as on 30.6.2026, 256 mobile towers have been made on-air in the Aspirational districts of Bihar, providing connectivity to 289 villages. Further, the Government has approved the Amended BharatNet Programme to provide high-speed fiber broadband connectivity to all the Gram Panchayats (GPs), and non-GP villages on demand basis.

TRAI monitors License Service Area (LSA)-wise performance of service providers for Access (Wireline and Wireless) and Broadband (Wireline and Wireless) services against the benchmark of various Quality of Service parameters as prescribed in the QoS regulations. As per Performance Monitoring Report published by TRAI for the month of June-2026 for mobile

services, all service providers are meeting the benchmark of all network-related QoS parameters in the country, including Bihar.
