

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 499
ANSWERED ON 23rd JULY, 2026**

TELECOM SERVICES IN RURAL AREAS

499 SHRI RAVI CHANDRA VADDIRAJU:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages across the country that still lack 4G or 5G mobile connectivity, State-wise;
- (b) the timeline fixed by Government under the BharatNet project to ensure high-speed broadband access to all Gram Panchayats; and
- (c) the financial allocations made and utilized for this purpose during the current financial year?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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- (a) Out of 6,44,131 villages in the country (as per data of Registrar General of India), 6,32,875 villages are covered with 4G connectivity and 3,96,012 villages are covered with 5G connectivity. State/UTs-wise details of villages covered with 4G and 5G connectivity are at **Annex-I**.
- (b) and (c) Under the Amended BharatNet Programme (ABP), the construction phase is three years from the date of signing of the Agreement with the respective Project Implementing Agency (PIA).

During the current Financial Year 2026–27, a budget allocation of ₹20,000 crore has been made for the BharatNet Project. Out of this allocation, ₹750 crore has been disbursed up to 30.06.2026.

Annex-I referred to in the reply to parts (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 499 to be answered on 23rd July, 2026, raised by Hon'ble Member of Parliament, regarding "Telecom Services in Rural Areas"

State / UTs-wise details of villages covered with 4G and 5G connectivity in the Country

S. no.	State / UT	Total no. of villages (as per RGI data)	No. of villages having 4G connectivity	No. of villages having 5G connectivity
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	559	342	35
2	Andhra Pradesh	17,328	16,744	8,530
3	Arunachal Pradesh	5,993	4,426	600
4	Assam	26,429	26,133	3,736
5	Bihar	44,888	44,826	43,457
6	Chandigarh	0	NA	NA
7	Chhattisgarh	20,072	19,170	9,136
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	95	95	95
9	Goa	392	346	309
10	Gujarat	18,425	18,212	15,748
11	Haryana	6,640	6,638	6,426
12	Himachal Pradesh	20,852	20,159	11,398
13	Jammu and Kashmir	6,474	6,210	4,994
14	Jharkhand	32,370	32,171	19,241
15	Karnataka	29,818	29,281	19,760
16	Kerala	1,438	1,438	1,358
17	Ladakh	243	229	83
18	Lakshadweep	27	25	5
19	Madhya Pradesh	55,058	54,072	28,084
20	Maharashtra	43,931	42,800	30,680
21	Manipur	2,612	2,471	718
22	Meghalaya	7,100	6,982	341
23	Mizoram	867	816	83
24	Nagaland	1,535	1,426	280
25	NCT of Delhi	55	55	55
26	Odisha	51,176	49,546	29,010
27	Puducherry	96	96	96
28	Punjab	12,534	12,485	11,657
29	Rajasthan	46,077	45,373	23,277
30	Sikkim	461	443	349
31	Tamil Nadu	16,488	16,450	9,394
32	Telangana	10,203	9,885	1,945
33	Tripura	937	929	353
34	Uttar Pradesh	1,05,531	1,05,328	78,530
35	Uttarakhand	16,456	16,314	4,729
36	West Bengal	40,971	40,959	31,520
Total		6,44,131	6,32,875	3,96,012
