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**MOBILE NETWORK CONNECTIVITY IN ODISHA**

**502 SHRI MANAS RANJAN MANGARAJ:**

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages in Odisha without mobile network connectivity till date, district-wise;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to provide mobile connectivity to these villages; and
- (c) the timeline for achieving 100 per cent mobile network coverage in the State?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
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- (a) As per Registrar General of India, there are a total of 51,176 villages across 30 districts of Odisha. Out of these, 1091 villages are without mobile network connectivity as on 30.06.2026.

The district-wise details of villages without mobile network connectivity in Odisha are as below: -

| S.No. | Name of district | Count of villages in the district | Count of uncovered villages |
|-------|------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1     | Anugul           | 1887                              | 35                          |
| 2     | Balangir         | 1777                              | 12                          |
| 3     | Baleshwar        | 2925                              | 1                           |
| 4     | Bargarh          | 1195                              | 4                           |
| 5     | Baudh            | 1182                              | 32                          |
| 6     | Bhadrak          | 1295                              | 5                           |
| 7     | Cuttack          | 1970                              | 14                          |
| 8     | Debagarh         | 835                               | 49                          |
| 9     | Dhenkanal        | 1199                              | 4                           |
| 10    | Gajapati         | 1609                              | 46                          |
| 11    | Ganjam           | 3204                              | 80                          |
| 12    | Jagatsinghapur   | 1297                              | 2                           |
| 13    | Jajapur          | 1826                              | 22                          |
| 14    | Jharsuguda       | 354                               | 0                           |
| 15    | Kalahandi        | 2274                              | 92                          |
| 16    | Kandhamal        | 2578                              | 112                         |
| 17    | Kendrapara       | 1553                              | 16                          |
| 18    | Kendujhar        | 2105                              | 28                          |
| 19    | Khordha          | 1541                              | 15                          |
| 20    | Koraput          | 2047                              | 85                          |
| 21    | Malkangiri       | 1036                              | 103                         |

|    |                    |              |             |
|----|--------------------|--------------|-------------|
| 22 | Mayurbhanj         | 3940         | 58          |
| 23 | Nabarangapur       | 880          | 5           |
| 24 | Nayagarh           | 1659         | 66          |
| 25 | Nuapada            | 663          | 9           |
| 26 | Puri               | 1702         | 6           |
| 27 | Rayagada           | 2671         | 129         |
| 28 | Sambalpur          | 1256         | 32          |
| 29 | Subarnapur         | 951          | 10          |
| 30 | Sundargarh         | 1765         | 19          |
|    | <b>Total count</b> | <b>51176</b> | <b>1091</b> |

(b) & (c) The Government has undertaken several steps to provide mobile connectivity to the uncovered villages and to improve it across the country through funding from Digital Bharat Nidhi. Villages in Odisha are covered under various projects such as scheme for providing mobile services in Left Wing Extremism affected areas, coverage of uncovered villages in Aspirational Districts, and 4G Saturation scheme.

The infrastructure created under these projects, along with the efforts of service providers ensures mobile network coverage across the country.

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