

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2751
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD JANUARY, 2018**

TELEPHONE CONNECTIVITY

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of urban and rural families in the country not having telephone connectivity as on date, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the pace of telecom networking in the rural, backward, tribal and hilly areas is slow in comparison to the urban areas and if so, the State-wise details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has fixed any target to provide telephone connectivity to each family particularly in the rural and inaccessible areas;
- (d) if so, the measures taken for extension of telecom network in the areas having poorest connectivity; and
- (e) the State-wise and year-wise amount allocated for this purpose during the last three years and the current year?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
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(a) & (b) The penetration of telephone connections is currently measured in terms of tele-density, i.e the number of telephone connections as a percentage of the population. Service area wise number of telephone connections in rural and urban areas, teledensity (number of telephones per 100 inhabitants) and the growth of telephone in both rural and urban areas are given at **Annexure-I and II**. Data on families not having telephone connection is not available with the Department.

(c) to (e) The Government has made specific efforts to extend the reach of telecom network to remote and rural villages and for that purpose created the Universal Services Obligation Fund (USOF). The Government is implementing the flagship BharatNet project to link each of the 2.5 lakh Gram Panchayats (GPs) of India through optical fibre network to facilitate delivery of various e-Services and applications including e-health, e-education, e-governance and e-commerce in the future. As on 24/12/2017, OFC pipe has been laid in 1,13,469 GPs and the fibre has been laid in 1,08,237 GPs and 96,039 GPs are service ready. A comprehensive telecommunication development plan for the North East Region for installing telecom towers to provide mobile connectivity in villages and enhancement of the Optical Fibre connectivity in the region has been taken up. The Government is augmenting connectivity to Islands of Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep to the mainland through undersea Optical Fibre Cable. The Government has also commissioned over 2,000 mobile towers in 10 states affected by Left Wing Extremism (LWE). A statement showing disbursement under USOF is at **Annexure III**.

ANNEXURE-I

Sr. No.	Service area	Telephone connections (landline + mobile) as on 31.10.2017 (in million)		Teledensity (in %) as on 31.10.2017	
		Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban
1	Andhra Pradesh	38.68	48.41	60.04	193.24
2	Assam	14.09	8.36	51.03	153.60
3	Bihar	49.02	34.98	40.60	180.14
4	Gujarat	27.45	43.54	73.57	158.44
5	Haryana	11.12	14.68	62.74	141.19
6	Himachal Pradesh	7.50	3.43	118.51	398.94
7	Jammu & Kashmir	6.30	6.64	69.53	186.40
8	Karnataka	22.52	49.84	58.73	200.01
9	Kerala	19.76	23.73	73.27	260.36
10	Madhya Pradesh	33.26	39.42	43.37	134.16
11	Maharashtra	43.38	52.64	68.42	142.04
12	North East	6.58	6.46	62.30	178.44
13	Odisha	20.31	13.90	57.59	179.07
14	Punjab	14.08	24.49	81.02	173.96
15	Rajasthan	33.46	32.91	59.25	181.98
16	Tamil Nadu	26.44	66.52	95.58	151.00
17	Uttar Pradesh (East)	53.77	50.93		
18	Uttar Pradesh (West)	28.53	38.11	45.63*	164.37*
19	West Bengal	40.88	17.79	59.77	153.68
20	Kolkata	2.85	27.01	#	185.35
21	Delhi	2.61	55.19	#	259.00
22	Mumbai	1.61	38.91	#	168.58
	All- India	504.21	697.89	56.99	170.84

Source:DoT

Note:

Since Rural-Urban break up of population for Kolkata, Delhi and Mumbai service areas is not available therefore the overall teledensity is put as Urban teledensity in case of these metros

* Separate population of UP(East) and UP(West) service area is not available.

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ANNEXURE-II

S.N.	Service area	Telephone connections (landline + mobile) as on 31.03.2014			Telephone connections (landline + mobile) as on 31.10.2017			CAGR (in %)	
		Rural	Urban	Total	Rural	Urban	Total	Rural	Urban
1	Andhra Pradesh	28.58	40.61	69.19	38.68	48.41	87.09	8.82%	5.03%
2	Assam	9.20	6.27	15.46	14.09	8.36	22.45	12.65%	8.39%
3	Bihar	34.10	27.86	61.97	49.02	34.98	84.00	10.66%	6.56%
4	Gujarat	20.95	35.28	56.23	27.45	43.54	70.99	7.84%	6.05%
5	Haryana	10.35	11.40	21.75	11.12	14.68	25.80	2.03%	7.32%
6	Himachal Pradesh	4.77	2.61	7.37	7.50	3.43	10.93	13.51%	7.92%
7	Jammu & Kashmir	3.76	4.37	8.13	6.30	6.64	12.94	15.52%	12.44%
8	Karnataka	17.51	39.13	56.64	22.52	49.84	72.36	7.29%	6.99%
9	Kerala	16.97	17.04	34.01	19.76	23.73	43.49	4.35%	9.69%
10	Madhya Pradesh	24.79	31.79	56.58	33.26	39.42	72.68	8.55%	6.19%
11	Maharashtra	34.84	40.07	74.90	43.38	52.64	96.03	6.32%	7.92%
12	North East	4.39	5.17	9.55	6.58	6.46	13.05	12.02%	6.47%
13	Odisha	13.78	11.69	25.47	20.31	13.90	34.21	11.43%	4.95%
14	Punjab	12.45	19.98	32.43	14.08	24.49	38.57	3.50%	5.84%
15	Rajasthan	26.21	27.36	53.57	33.46	32.91	66.38	7.07%	5.30%
16	Tamil Nadu	21.91	56.18	78.09	26.44	66.52	92.96	5.39%	4.83%
17	Uttar Pradesh (East)	38.32	39.46	77.78	53.77	50.93	104.70	9.92%	7.39%
18	Uttar Pradesh (West)	22.70	26.60	49.30	28.53	38.11	66.64	6.60%	10.57%
19	West Bengal	27.74	15.06	42.80	40.88	17.79	58.67	11.44%	4.77%
20	Kolkata	1.77	20.38	22.15	2.85	27.01	29.87	14.37%	8.19%
21	Delhi	2.37	43.32	45.69	2.61	55.19	57.79	2.77%	6.99%
22	Mumbai	0.35	33.61	33.95	1.61	38.91	40.52	53.67%	4.18%
	All- India	377.78	555.23	933.02	504.21	697.89	1202.11	8.40%	6.60%

Source: DoT

CCA-WISE DISBURSEMENT ACROSS DIFFERENT FINANCIAL YEARS AS ON 31-10-2017				
Figures in crores				
CCA*	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
A&N	0.0	8.1	0.0	0.0
AMARNATH YATRA				6.9
ANDHRA PRADESH	19.0	1.3	0.7	0.2
ASSAM	32.3	0.5	0.7	0.1
BIHAR	4.1	2.6	0.9	35.6
CHATTISGARH	2.6	0.4	0.0	39.1
DOT HQ			1290.3	241.8
DOT-LWE	596.5	617.1	280.7	25.3
DOT-NOFN	1351.9	2415.1	5600.0	1600.0
GUJRAT	0.0	0.0	0.0	
HARYANA	1.2	1.8	2.6	0.0
HIMACHAL PRADESH	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.0
J&K	0.3	0.5	2.0	0.0
JHARKHAND	0.5	0.2	0.6	84.8
KARNATAKA	8.3	4.2	0.7	8.0
KERALA	3.8	1.3	6.2	
MAHARASHTRA	20.4	14.1		
MP	13.5	12.6	1.9	0.3
NE-I	2.3	6.7	15.0	0.0
NE-II	1.2	2.0	14.3	0.0
ORISSA	7.7	1.6	4.0	22.4
PUNJAB	8.5	6.6	2.4	0.3
RAJASTHAN	0.0		1.6	0.5
TAMIL NADU	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
UP(E)	4.2	0.8	1.1	16.8
UP(W)	0.9	0.3	0.3	0.1
UTTARANCHAL	1.5	0.2	0.0	0.0
WEST BENGAL	5.5	1.8	0.9	14.7
Grand Total	2087.0	3100.0	7227.0	2096.8
* CCA: Controller of Communication Accounts				
Source: http://www.usof.gov.in/usof-cms/subsidy_tabular.jsp				
