

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5394
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28th MARCH, 2018**

MOBILE CONNECTIVITY IN VILLAGES OF JHARKHAND AND UTTAR PRADESH

5394. SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of villages in the States of Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh do not have mobile connectivity;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by which these villages are likely to be covered with mobile connectivity?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

(a) & (b) According to data collected from Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) in 2014, it is estimated that there are 266 villages out of 97814 villages in Uttar Pradesh, and 5949 villages out of 29492 villages in Jharkhand (as per census 2011 data) that do not have mobile services. The District-wise list of uncovered villages is at **Annexure**. District-wise list of uncovered villages is being updated on completion of Left Wing Extremism (LWE) Phase-I project. Some rural and remote areas of the country do not have mobile services due to commercial non viability, difficult geographical terrain, law and order issues, etc.

(c) Mobile coverage to these uncovered villages is likely to be provided in a phased manner, subject to availability of financial resources. At present, the Department has a proposal for installing 179 mobile towers in Uttar Pradesh and 1054 mobile towers in Jharkhand in LWE Phase-II project.

List of uncovered villages in Uttar Pradesh

State	District	Number of villages
Uttar Pradesh	Saharanpur	5
	Muzaffarnagar	7
	Bijnor	8
	Moradabad	5
	Rampur	2
	Jyotiba Phule Nagar	1
	Meerut	4
	Ghaziabad	14
	Gautam Buddha Nagar	7
	Bulandshahr	4
	Aligarh	12
	Mahamaya Nagar	3
	Mathura	8
	Agra	13
	Firozabad	3
	Bareilly	10
	Pilibhit	2
	Kheri	4
	Sitapur	1
	Unnao	3
	Lucknow	2
	Farrukhabad	2
	Auraiya	2
	Kanpur Dehat	3
	Kanpur Nagar	4
	Jhansi	3
	Lalitpur	2
	Chitrakoot	1
	Pratapgarh	2
	Kaushambi	2
	Allahabad	14
	Bara Banki	3
	Faizabad	3
	Ambedkar Nagar	2
	Sultanpur	5
	Bahraich	1
Balrampur	2	
Gonda	3	
Siddharthnagar	2	
Sant Kabir Nagar	2	
Mahrajganj	1	

Gorakhpur	6
Kushinagar	1
Azamgarh	8
Mau	7
Ballia	2
Jaunpur	5
Chandauli	6
Varanasi	34
Sant Ravidas Nagar (Bhadohi)	4
Mirzapur	6
Sonbhadra	8
Etah	1
Kanshiram Nagar	1
Total	266

List of Uncovered villages in Jharkhand

State	Name of District	Number of Villages
Jharkhand	Garhwa	169
	Chatra	462
	Kodarma	71
	Giridih	234
	Deoghar	121
	Godda	260
	Sahibganj	350
	Pakur	299
	Dhanbad	27
	Bokaro	59
	Lohardaga	97
	Purbi Singhbhum	244
	Palamu	365
	Latehar	391
	Hazaribagh	124
	Ramgarh	31
	Dumka	554
	Jamtara	174
	Ranchi	95
	Khunti	280
	Gumla	356
	Simdega	244
Pashchimi Singhbhum	616	
Saraikela-Kharsawan	326	
Total	5949	
