

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5397
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28th MARCH, 2018**

MOBILE TOWERS IN RURAL AREAS

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether digitally driven social activities, e-governance and opportunities for employment are increasing around those areas in villages where telecom towers have been installed;
- (b) if so, the total number of villages in rural areas of the country where telecom towers have been installed, State/UT-wise and Telecom company-wise; and
- (c) the number of such towers targeted for installation in rural areas in the coming financial year, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Ministry of Communications is primarily engaged in enabling the provision of necessary infrastructure for providing Telecommunications services in the country. The social, economic or any other impact of this is not monitored by the Department of Telecommunications.
- (b) The information is attached as **Annexure A**.
- (c) As per License agreement with Telecom Companies, each company is required to cover at least 50% of licensed area within a finite period of five years. Coverage beyond this is planned by operators as per their business plans.

			Annexure A
Part (b) of Lok Sabha Q.5397 Dy.No. 16385 for 28.3.2018			
Sr.No.	Name of State	Name of TSP	* Total number of villages in Rural areas of the country where telecom towers have been installed;
1	Andhra Pradesh	BSNL	4304
		Reliance Jio	6220
		Telenor	509
		Tata Teleservices Ltd	826
		Idea Cellular Ltd	4888
		Vodafone	3267
2	Andaman & Nikobar	Vodafone	59
		Bharti Airtel Ltd	24
		BSNL	122
3	Arunchal Pradesh	BSNL	150
		BHL	5257
		Idea Cellular Ltd	55
		Vodafone	61
		Reliance Jio	16
4	Assam	Bharti Bharati Airtel Ltd Ltd	11692
		Idea Cellular Ltd	8397
		BSNL	10377
		Reliance Jio	8219
		Aircel	8290
		Vodafone	7419
5	Bihar	Aircel	1782
		Telenor	1638
		Bharati Airtel Ltd	6107
		Idea Cellular Ltd	4215
		Vodafone	1450
		Reliance Ltd	1463
		Reliance Jio Ltd	4059
		BSNL	1793
6	Chatisgarh	Bharati Airtel Ltd	1582
		BSNL	1260
		Idea Cellular Ltd	1783
		Reliance JIO	1961

		Vodafone	602
7	Delhi	Bharati Airtel Ltd	257
		Idea Cellular Ltd	194
		Reliance Jio	118
		MTNL	250
		Tata Teleservices Ltd	99
		Vodafone	403
8	GOA	Bharati Airtel Ltd	107
		BSNL	98
		Idea Cellular Ltd	140
		Reliance Jio	146
		Telenor	39
		Tata Teleservices Ltd	11
		Vodafone	158
9	Gujarat	BSNL	6109
		Vodafone	7435
		Bharati Airtel Ltd	6909
		Idea Cellular Ltd	6905
		Reliance Jio	4804
		Tata Teleservices Ltd	3319
		Telenor	945
10	Haryana	Bharati Airtel Ltd	882
		Idea Cellular Ltd	130
		BSNL	630
		Reliance Jio	1000
11	Himachal Pradesh	BSNL	8945
		Bharati Airtel Ltd	919
		Reliance Jio	4532
		Idea Cellular Ltd	5399
		Vodafone	648
		Tata Teleservices Ltd	205
12	J&K	Vodafone	3515
		BSNL	767
		Idea Cellular Ltd	3090
		Bharati Airtel Ltd	5437
		Reliance Jio	3169
13	Jharkhand	Bharati Airtel Ltd	1729
		BSNL	1423
		Idea Cellular Ltd	2108
		Tata Teleservices Ltd	37

		Telenor	195
		Vodafone	927
		Reliance Jio	809
14	Karnataka	Aircel	467
		Bharati Airtel Ltd	6519
		BSNL	3790
		Idea Cellular Ltd	4684
		Reliance Jio	4923
		Tata Teleservices Ltd	1741
		Vodafone	3637
15	Kerala	Bharati Airtel Ltd	974
		AIRCEL	15
		BSNL	1111
		Idea Cellular Ltd	1007
		Vodafone	962
		Reliance Jio	980
		Tata Teleservices Ltd	280
16	Lakshdweep	Bharati Airtel Ltd	4
		BSNL	11
17	Madhya Pradesh	Bharati Airtel Ltd	5052
		BSNL	2340
		Idea Cellular Ltd	4954
		Reliance JIO	4358
		Tata Teleservices Ltd	4
		Vodafone	2409
18	Maharashtra	Bharati Airtel Ltd	6005
		BSNL	4273
		Idea Cellular Ltd	7647
		Reliance Jio	6740
		Telenor	1475
		Tata Teleservices Ltd	875
		Vodafone	6827
	Mumbai	Aircel	241
		Bharati Airtel Ltd	125
		Idea Cellular Ltd	119
		Reliance JIO	234
		Tata Teleservices Ltd	178
		Vodafone	305
19	Manipur	BSNL	191
		Bharati Airtel Ltd	2380
		Idea Cellular Ltd	561

		Reliance Jio	100
20	Meghalaya	BSNL	179
		BHL	6459
		Idea Cellular Ltd	570
		Vodafone	64
		Reliance Jio	274
21	Mizoram	BSNL	88
		Bharati Airtel Ltd	704
		Idea Cellular Ltd	9
		Vodafone	11
		Reliance Jio	71
22	Nagaland	BSNL	155
		Bharati Airtel Ltd	1400
		Idea Cellular Ltd	227
		Vodafone	8
		Reliance Jio	117
23	Orissa	BSNL	2618
		Bharati Airtel Ltd	4806
		Reliance Jio	3336
		Vodafone	3056
		Idea Cellular Ltd	1730
24	Punjab	Idea Cellular Ltd	6162
		Reliance Jio	5504
		Bharati Airtel Ltd	6129
		Vodafone	3672
		Tata Teleservices Ltd	366
		BSNL	5612
25	Rajasthan	Idea Cellular Ltd	4071
		Reliance Jio	6491
		Vodafone	5287
		Tata Teleservices Ltd	305
		Bharati Airtel Ltd	4845
		Aircel	1145
		BSNL	2510
26	Sikkim	Idea Cellular Ltd	48
		Vodafone	135
		Bharti Airtel Ltd	114
		Reliance Jio	108
		BSNL	59
27	Tamilnadu	vodafone	5037
		Idea Cellular Ltd	6373

		Bharati Airtel Ltd	14637
		Reliance Jio	12658
		BSNL	12530
28	Tripura	BSNL	269
		Bharati Airtel Ltd	863
		Idea Cellular Ltd	358
		Vodafone	108
		Reliance Jio	178
29	Uttar Pradesh	Bharati Airtel Ltd	39278
		Idea Cellular Ltd	46030
		Vodafone	12501
		BSNL	6175
		Reliance Jio	11234
		Telenor	9366
		Tata Teleservices Ltd	246
30	West Bengal	Idea Cellular Ltd	23449
		Vodafone	5819
		Tata Teleservices Ltd.	25
		Bharati Airtel Ltd	5480
		Reliance Jio	30915
		BSNL	1866
	Kolkata	Bharati Airtel Ltd	308
		Idea Cellular Ltd	704
		Reliance Telecom	699
		Tata Teleservices Ltd	196
		Reliance Jio	92
		Vodafone	266

*Figures indicate number of villages covered by Telecom Companies. There may be overlaps also, i.e. some villages covered by more than one Telecom Service Providers.
