GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3597
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8TH AUGUST, 2018

DISRUPTION IN DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE

3597. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a)   whether the Government has taken note of disruptions in digital infrastructure caused by infrastructure related construction activities like laying roads, railways etc.;

(b)   if so, the details thereof and measures taken by the Government in this regard;

(c)   whether there is a huge gap in internet connectivity and digital infrastructure between States depending on the State and their network infrastructure; and

(d)   if so, the reasons therefor, 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) & (b)   A Committee of Secretaries has been formed to examine the possibilities of development of common/integrated infrastructure such as common ducts for utilities. Laying of such utility ducts will address disruption in digital infrastructure caused by infrastructure related construction activities; and

(c) & (d)   For internet connectivity availability of telecom network is required. The growth of telecom network infrastructure has made possible connectivity throughout the country. However, there are 43,088 inhabited villages in the country which do not have mobile connectivity. The State/UT-wise details of villages not covered by mobile connectivity is at **Annexure.**

State/UT-wise details of villages not covered by mobile connectivity

Sl. No.	State Name	Number of inhabited villages as per census 2011	Number of uncovered inhabited villages as per census 2011
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	396	165
2.	Andhra Pradesh	16158	2745
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	5258	2215
4.	Assam	25372	915
5.	Bihar	39073	263
6.	Chandigarh	5	0
7.	Chhattisgarh	19567	3563
8.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	65	0
9.	Daman & Diu	19	0
10.	Delhi	103	0
11.	Goa	320	47
12.	Gujarat	17843	1262
13.	Haryana	6642	8
14.	Himachal Pradesh	17882	211
15.	Jammu & Kashmir	6337	328
16.	Jharkhand	29492	1222
17.	Karnataka	27397	869
18.	Kerala	1017	0
19.	Lakshadweep	6	1
20.	Madhya Pradesh	51929	5558
21.	Maharashtra	40959	6117
22.	Manipur	2515	877
23.	Meghalaya	6459	2691
24.	Mizoram	704	314
25.	Nagaland	1400	328
26.	Odisha	47677	9940
27.	Punjab	12168	4
28.	Puducherry	90	0
29.	Rajasthan	43264	1402
30.	Sikkim	425	13
31.	Tamil Nadu	15049	83
32.	Telangana	10128	647
33.	Tripura	863	16
34.	Uttarakhand	15745	552
35.	Uttar Pradesh	97813	295
36.	West Bengal	37478	437
	TOTAL	**5,97,618**	**43,088**

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