

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 255
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH JULY, 2019**

TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES

***255. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether telecommunication facilities are not available in a large number of villages in Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of such villages in the State and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS, LAW & JUSTICE AND
ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)**

- (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *255 FOR 10TH JULY, 2019 ON “TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES”.

(a) to (c) As per data collected from the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) in 2018, it was estimated that out of 27,397 inhabited villages (as per the Census 2011) in the State of Karnataka, there were 869 inhabited villages which are not covered by mobile services. District-wise details are at Annexure. The reasons for not having mobile services in these villages include, inter-alia, the remote and tough terrain & areas diversely located with scattered population. Mobile coverage in such villages is being taken up by the Government and Telecom Service Providers in a phased manner. As per the information received from the Department of Telecommunication's field unit, 273 incremental villages have been covered by mobile services in Karnataka during last one year and now there are 596 inhabited villages remains which are not covered by mobile services. Further, under the BharatNet project in Karnataka, 14010 Kms of Optical Fibre Cable have been laid in 6242 Gram Panchayats (including Block Head Quarters (BHQs)) out of which 6166 Gram Panchayats (including BHQs) are service ready for broadband connectivity.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply of para (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. *255 to be answered on 10th July, 2019 raised by Hon'ble Member of Parliament Shri G.M. Siddeshwar regarding Telecommunication facilities.

List of District-wise uncovered inhabited villages (as in 2018)

Sr. No.	District Name	Total No. of inhabited villages (as per Census 2011)	No. of covered inhabited villages	No of uncovered inhabited villages
1	Bagalkot	613	609	4
2	Bangalore	562	562	0
2	Bangalore Rural	957	951	6
3	Belgaum	1263	1198	65
4	Bellary	522	499	23
5	Bidar	595	585	10
6	Bijapur	679	666	13
7	Chamarajanagar	428	410	18
8	Chikkaballapura	1324	1305	19
9	Chikmagalur	1022	980	42
10	Chitradurga	948	921	27
11	Dakshina Kannada	331	329	2
12	Davanagere	800	791	9
13	Dharwad	361	352	9
14	Gadag	322	313	9
15	Gulbarga	871	851	20
16	Hassan	2418	2372	46
17	Haveri	696	692	4
18	Kodagu	291	274	17
19	Kolar	1608	1574	34
20	Koppal	595	589	6
21	Mandya	1368	1358	10
22	Mysore	1199	1190	9
23	Raichur	815	801	14
24	Ramanagara	820	801	19
25	Shimoga	1444	1330	114
26	Tumkur	2582	2549	33
28	Udupi	233	233	0
29	Uttara Kannada	1243	964	279
30	Yadgir	487	479	8
	Total	27397	26528	869
