

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2343  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2023**

**INTERNET FACILITY**

**2343. SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of remote villages of Tamil Nadu which have internet facility as on date;
- (b) whether in remote villages where internet/ broadband facility is available, its service is at very slow speed;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the efforts being made by the Government to solve the said problem?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS  
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)**

(a) & (b) As per data provided from Telecom Service Providers (TSPs), Department of Telecom field unit and State Government as of March 2022, in the State of Tamil Nadu out of 16488 villages (villages are as per data of Registrar General of India as of November 2019), 16010 number of villages are covered with 3G or 4G mobile internet and 94 villages are covered with 2G connectivity.

(c) & (d) Government and Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) provide telecommunication connectivity in the country in a phased manner. Government through funding from Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) is implementing various schemes namely Aspirational Districts, Left Wing Extremism (LWE), USOF 4G saturation project etc. for providing mobile internet connectivity in all remaining villages of the country including Tamil Nadu.

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