

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 966
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8TH FEBRUARY, 2023**

MOBILE NETWORK PROBLEMS IN NORTH EAST

†966. SHRI NABA KUMAR SARANIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether people of North Eastern States including Assam are still facing inconvenience in using internet services and mobile services;
- (b) if so, the details of the steps being taken by the Government to address the same;
- (c) whether it is a fact that people of North Eastern States are still using 2G services while 4G services are operational in rest of the country and if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the district-wise details of the towers installed in Assam and other North Eastern States during the last three years?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Mobile services are provided in a phased manner by the Telecom Service Providers and the Government in the uncovered villages of the country.

Government through funding from Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) is implementing various schemes for providing mobile network coverage in all remaining uncovered villages of the country, including North Eastern States.

As per the data, out of 45,934 villages in North Eastern States (including Assam), around 36,608 number of villages are having mobile network connectivity and around 35,817 number of villages are having high speed mobile internet through 3G/4G. The reasons for not having mobile connectivity in villages include, inter-alia, remote and tough terrain, areas diversely located with scattered population and commercially non-viable operations.

The Union Cabinet has approved a project for saturation of 4G mobile services in uncovered villages across the country, including North Eastern States. In addition, villages having only 2G/3G connectivity shall also be upgraded to 4G under this project.

(d) The District-wise details of the towers installed in Assam and other North Eastern States during the last three years are given in **Annexure**.

Annexure referred to in Part (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 966 for answer on 08.02.2023

District-wise details of the towers installed in Assam and other North Eastern States during the last three years

S. No.	State	District	No. of Towers installed		
			2020	2021	2022
1	Assam	Baksa	46	61	38
2	Assam	Barpeta	80	142	88
3	Assam	Biswanath	18	19	21
4	Assam	Bongaigaon	24	68	30
5	Assam	Cachar	64	122	78
6	Assam	Charaideo	8	10	12
7	Assam	Chirang	9	23	17
8	Assam	Darrang	71	67	42
9	Assam	Dhemaji	39	40	14
10	Assam	Dhubri	57	156	64
11	Assam	Dibrugarh	44	82	79
12	Assam	Dima Hasao	21	32	47
13	Assam	Goalpara	64	89	38
14	Assam	Golaghat	48	109	48
15	Assam	Hailakandi	33	66	16
16	Assam	Hojai	32	65	44
17	Assam	Jorhat	29	65	33
18	Assam	Kamrup	74	126	103
19	Assam	Kamrup (Metro)	116	198	163
20	Assam	Karbi Anglong	40	45	93
21	Assam	Karimganj	39	97	70
22	Assam	Kokrajhar	38	54	28
23	Assam	Lakhimpur	52	70	37
24	Assam	Majuli	3	12	7
25	Assam	Morigaon	39	55	31
26	Assam	Nagaon	70	138	46
27	Assam	Nalbari	50	46	22
28	Assam	Sivasagar	30	48	20
29	Assam	Sonitpur	43	58	40
30	Assam	South Salmara-Mankachar	4	15	17
31	Assam	Tinsukia	56	60	53
32	Assam	Udalguri	29	68	47
33	Assam	West Karbi Anglong	0	7	16
34	Arunachal Pradesh	Papum Pare	28	59	61
35	Arunachal Pradesh	West Kameng	23	28	16
36	Arunachal Pradesh	Tawang	4	2	5
37	Arunachal Pradesh	Lower Subansiri	14	7	8
38	Arunachal Pradesh	Tirap	2	5	5
39	Arunachal Pradesh	Lower Dibang Valley	3	5	9

S. No.	State	District	No. of Towers installed		
			2020	2021	2022
40	Arunachal Pradesh	East Siang	10	11	20
41	Arunachal Pradesh	Upper Subansiri	8	4	15
42	Arunachal Pradesh	Changlang	7	10	15
43	Arunachal Pradesh	Namsai	3	3	5
44	Arunachal Pradesh	East Kameng	7	9	24
45	Arunachal Pradesh	West Siang	7	7	11
46	Arunachal Pradesh	Upper Siang	1	8	7
47	Arunachal Pradesh	Lower Siang	2	3	1
48	Arunachal Pradesh	Lepa Rada	0	0	4
49	Arunachal Pradesh	Kurung Kumey	1	4	1
50	Arunachal Pradesh	Dibang Valley	0	3	0
51	Arunachal Pradesh	Siang	1	2	5
52	Arunachal Pradesh	Anjaw	1	3	0
53	Arunachal Pradesh	Lohit	4	4	16
54	Arunachal Pradesh	Pakke Kesang	1	4	2
55	Arunachal Pradesh	Longding	0	4	4
56	Arunachal Pradesh	Kra Daadi	0	0	7
57	Arunachal Pradesh	Shi Yomi	0	1	0
58	Arunachal Pradesh	Kamle	1	1	12
59	Manipur	Imphal West	47	47	48
60	Manipur	Imphal East	38	29	32
61	Manipur	Bishnupur	9	18	22
62	Manipur	Ukhrul	34	11	11
63	Manipur	Churachandpur	86	52	28
64	Manipur	Senapati	19	17	16
65	Manipur	Thoubal	27	41	24
66	Manipur	Kangpokpi	5	15	6
67	Manipur	Chandel	25	11	5
68	Manipur	Kakching	7	16	10
69	Manipur	Tamenglong	28	17	12
70	Manipur	Jiribam	4	5	0
71	Manipur	Tengnoupal	2	1	3
72	Manipur	Kamjong	10	6	0
73	Manipur	Noney	0	4	3
74	Manipur	Pherzawl	19	6	1
75	Meghalaya	East Khasi Hills	8	23	38
76	Meghalaya	East Garo Hills	19	29	28
77	Meghalaya	Ri Bhoi	6	29	39
78	Meghalaya	West Jaintia Hills	8	14	11
79	Meghalaya	North Garo Hills	7	42	21
80	Meghalaya	West Garo Hills	35	67	27
81	Meghalaya	East Jaintia Hills	4	5	12
82	Meghalaya	West Khasi Hills	8	23	81
83	Meghalaya	South Garo Hills	8	19	70
84	Meghalaya	South West Garo Hills	3	9	7
85	Meghalaya	South West Khasi Hills	1	4	35
86	Mizoram	Lunglei	20	37	19

S. No.	State	District	No. of Towers installed		
			2020	2021	2022
87	Mizoram	Saiha	16	6	6
88	Mizoram	Lawngtlai	28	14	11
89	Mizoram	Champhai	8	20	26
90	Mizoram	Kolasib	5	10	8
91	Mizoram	Aizawl	24	42	82
92	Mizoram	Mamit	10	16	8
93	Mizoram	Serchhip	8	6	9
94	Nagaland	Dimapur	34	47	37
95	Nagaland	Mokokchung	9	8	18
96	Nagaland	Tuensang	16	16	10
97	Nagaland	Peren	6	8	2
98	Nagaland	Kohima	18	12	16
99	Nagaland	Phek	13	8	9
100	Nagaland	Wokha	21	14	5
101	Nagaland	Mon	11	19	10
102	Nagaland	Longleng	0	1	6
103	Nagaland	Kiphire	9	3	5
104	Nagaland	Zunheboto	4	6	6
105	Nagaland	Noklak	0	0	0
106	Sikkim	East	12	52	48
107	Sikkim	West	6	32	12
108	Sikkim	South	11	32	18
109	Sikkim	North	1	20	8
110	Tripura	West Tripura	76	82	47
111	Tripura	Sipahijala	12	43	17
112	Tripura	South Tripura	32	42	20
113	Tripura	North Tripura	30	35	15
114	Tripura	Dhalai	8	41	16
115	Tripura	Unakoti	13	34	17
116	Tripura	Gomati	18	24	9
117	Tripura	Khowai	14	22	7
Total			2458	3812	2872
