

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2184
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND AUGUST, 2023**

PROBLEM OF TELECOM CONNECTIVITY

†2184. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken to address the problem of telecom connectivity in Rajasthan including Jalore and Sirohi; and
- (b) the State-wise and district-wise number of the mobile towers set up during the last three years?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Government and Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) provide the telecom connectivity in the Country in a phased manner including Rajasthan. As per data provided by Telecom Service Providers (TSPs), Department of Telecom field units and State Governments as of March 2022, out of 6,44,131 villages in the country (as per RGI data of November 2019), 6,05,230 villages are covered with Mobile internet connectivity. In the state of Rajasthan, there are 46,077 villages, out of which 42,761 (as of March 2022) are covered with mobile connectivity.

Government through funding from Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) is implementing various schemes for providing telecom connectivity to all uncovered villages of the country including Rajasthan. In Rajasthan, total 1,709 4G towers (including upgradation from 2G/3G to 4G) have been planned, including 16 towers in Jalore district and 37 towers in Sirohi district under the 4G saturation project of USOF.

Further, 51 4G towers have also been planned in Rajasthan under other schemes of USOF.

The state-wise and district-wise (Rajasthan State) number of the BTS set up during the last three years are attached as **Annexure-I** and **Annexure-II**.

Annexure referred to in reply of part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2184 to be answered on 2nd August, 2023 raised by Hon'ble Member of Parliament regarding "Problem Of Telecom Connectivity"

The state-wise number of the BTS set up is as detailed below:

SN	State/UT	Number of BTS set up during			
		FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	01.04.2023-till 24.07.2023
1	Andaman & Nicobar (UT)	150	223	129	10
2	Andhra Pradesh	9170	-84	3402	827
3	Arunachal Pradesh	448	578	522	221
4	Assam	5533	5277	4619	3737
5	Bihar	8662	10078	12329	9937
6	Chandigarh (UT)	181	114	122	21
7	Chattisgarh	8070	8471	6328	5204
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli (UT)	62	70	69	94
9	Daman (UT)	38	50	73	45
10	Delhi NCR	9201	8737	17917	3774
11	Diu (UT)	8	10	14	17
12	Goa	306	369	1069	482
13	Gujarat	13121	8947	16449	10570
14	Haryana	5436	3060	5986	5690
15	Himachal Pradesh	2283	1343	2177	1359
16	Jammu & Kashmir	1394	1704	3960	2650
17	Jharkhand	5084	5250	3142	723
18	Karnataka	10192	7891	13832	11030
19	Kerala	4501	5166	8181	11199
20	Laddakh	115	169	204	172
21	Lakshadweep	1	4	2	0
22	Madhya Pradesh	8106	6385	5099	2278
23	Maharashtra	29775	31895	32244	21981
24	Manipur	970	651	343	21
25	Meghalaya	559	968	507	81
26	Mizoram	438	425	271	30
27	Nagaland	449	428	213	68
28	Odisha	7725	5393	6563	6451
29	Puducherry (UT)	161	109	114	22
30	Punjab	5371	3434	3921	726
31	Rajasthan	8678	8284	8565	2521
32	Sikkim	150	283	114	14
33	Tamilnadu	9640	8413	7305	1807
34	Telangana	5733	7866	3640	913
35	Tripura	746	614	293	77
36	Uttar Pradesh East	33983	14353	12930	5484
37	Uttar Pradesh West	9109	6334	10377	7810
38	Uttarakhand	3265	2408	2959	1922
39	West Bengal	10576	10571	10282	6079
	Total	219390	176241	206266	126047

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The district-wise number of the BTS set up in state of Rajasthan is as detailed below:

SN	Name of the District	Number of BTS set up during			
		FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	01.04.2023-till 24.07.2023
1	Ajmer	354	306	385	120
2	Alwar	413	404	441	128
3	Banswara	110	173	148	37
4	Baran	124	118	91	34
5	Barmer	387	275	363	112
6	Bharatpur	406	245	240	74
7	Bhilwara	283	326	325	110
8	Bikaner	322	214	234	83
9	Bundi	128	97	109	41
10	Chittorgarh	201	206	244	75
11	Churu	224	216	209	92
12	Dausa	126	163	229	94
13	Dholpur	113	106	126	41
14	Dungarpur	66	74	118	30
15	Hanumangarh	271	198	158	37
16	Jaipur	1083	1338	1069	279
17	Jaisalmer	166	110	147	27
18	Jalore	175	146	254	78
19	Jhalawar	146	163	175	50
20	Jhunjhunu	333	280	272	63
21	Jodhpur	466	479	479	140
22	Karauli	171	110	112	29
23	Kota	309	326	364	78
24	Nagaur	471	445	328	130
25	Pali	261	225	277	99
26	Pratapgarh	64	56	112	11
27	Rajsamand	144	145	181	32
28	Sawaimadhopur	122	150	119	60
29	Sikar	393	384	396	104
30	Sirohi	111	82	104	10
31	Sriganganagar	283	225	212	70
32	Tonk	104	132	149	67
33	Udaipur	348	367	395	86
	Grand Total	8678	8284	8565	2521
