

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 629  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2023**

**TELECOM TOWERS IN KANDHAMAL**

**629. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total number of villages in rural areas of Kandhamal where telecom towers have been installed during the last two years and the current year; and
- (b) the details of the number of such towers targeted for installation in rural areas in the coming financial year, block-wise in Kandhamal?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b) In last 10 years, telecom connectivity in Odisha has improved significantly. Total towers in Odisha have increased from 5,785 to 26,735. Total number of BTSs have increased from 16,416 to 88,853.

Total mobile subscribers have increased from 2.51 Cr to 3.36 Cr. Broadband subscribers have increased from 5.9 Lakh to 2.2 Cr. Total optical fiber laid increased from 40,756 Km to 1,37,653 Km. Government has planned more than 5,333 towers in uncovered areas of Odisha to provide connectivity to more than 7,400 villages at the cost of more than 5,033 Cr.

At present more than 837 BTSs are providing connectivity in Kandhamal district and more than 950 towers are planned.

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