GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 519
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH FEBRUARY, 2020

BENEFITS OF TELECOM TOWERS

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a)     whether opportunities for social activities, e-governance, employment etc. with digital services are increasing in villages and its surrounding areas where telecom towers have been installed and if so, the details thereof;

(b)     the total increasing number of telecommunication towers installed in the rural areas of the country, State/UTwise including Rajasthan and the number of towers to be installed in rural areas, State/UT-wise;

(c)     whether the Government is considering to install towers in the tribal area of Pindwada in Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof; and

(d)     the number of villages in the country including Rajasthan where joint service centers are proposed to be opened, State-wise in collaboration with rural entrepreneurs?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS,
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND
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(a) to (c)     Yes. Opportunities for social activities, e-governance, employment etc. with digital services are increasing in villages and its surrounding areas where telecom towers have been installed. The list of total number of towers in the country including Rajasthan is at **Annexure-I.** Currently, Government does not have any plan to install towers in the tribal area of Pindwada in Rajasthan.

(d)     Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) is implementing "CSC 2.0: *A Way Forward* Project" under Digital India Pillar- 3 (Public Internet Access Programme) to set-up at least one self-sustainable Common Services Centre (CSC) in each Gram Panchayat. As on 31st December, 2019, the overall number of functional CSCs (including urban & rural) are 3,65,361 out of which 2,70,132 CSCs are functional at Gram Panchayat Level, including Rajasthan. A list of state-wise numbers is placed as **Annexure-II.**

Annexure-I referred to in Part (a) to (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 519 for answer on 05.02.2020

**Licensed Service Area (LSA)-wise Towers as on 30-Jan-2020**

| SN | LSA | Grand Total |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 44748 |
| 2 | Assam | 13563 |
| 3 | Bihar | 43302 |
| 4 | Delhi | 27649 |
| 5 | Gujarat | 35768 |
| 6 | Himachal Pradesh | 7116 |
| 7 | Haryana | 13169 |
| 8 | Jammu & Kashmir | 9844 |
| 9 | Karnataka | 38401 |
| 10 | Kolkata | 13830 |
| 11 | Kerala | 17859 |
| 12 | Mumbai | 16664 |
| 13 | Maharashtra | 45748 |
| 14 | Madhya Pradesh | 43364 |
| 15 | North East | 9137 |
| 16 | Odisha | 19223 |
| 17 | Punjab | 20762 |
| 18 | Rajasthan | 32130 |
| 19 | Tamilnadu | 45068 |
| 20 | Uttar Pradesh (East) | 37787 |
| 21 | Uttar Pradesh (West) | 30250 |
| 22 | West Bengal | 24187 |
| **Grand Total** | | **589569** |

Annexure-II referred to in Part (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 519 for answer on 05.02.2020

| STATE/UT-WISE STATUS OF ROLL OUT OF CSCs AS ON 31st DEC, 2019 | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Name of States & UTs** | **No. of Functional CSCs including GP Level** | **No. of Functional CSCs at GP level** |
| | **As on 31 December'19** | **As on 31 December'19** |
| Uttar Pradesh | 82465 | 62928 |
| Maharashtra | 51407 | 36348 |
| Bihar | 32472 | 26912 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 30846 | 21752 |
| West Bengal | 17431 | 14476 |
| Rajasthan | 14925 | 11058 |
| Chhattisgarh | 14062 | 10272 |
| Jharkhand | 13941 | 11248 |
| Odisha | 13117 | 10920 |
| Gujarat | 11571 | 7503 |
| Haryana | 11975 | 8369 |
| Tamil Nadu | 10089 | 5863 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 9370 | 6689 |
| Karnataka | 9447 | 5098 |
| Punjab | 8776 | 6625 |
| Assam | 6751 | 5756 |
| Uttarakhand | 6492 | 4937 |
| Telangana | 4817 | 3159 |
| Kerala | 3921 | 2951 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 3493 | 3097 |
| Tripura | 959 | 764 |
| Manipur | 843 | 633 |
| Meghalaya | 624 | 525 |
| Nagaland | 296 | 66 |
| Mizoram | 213 | 50 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 165 | 113 |
| Goa | 91 | 62 |
| Sikkim | 57 | 42 |
| Jammu & Kashmir | 2269 | 1737 |
| Delhi | 2077 | 0 |
| Puducherry | 174 | 95 |
| Chandigarh | 71 | 9 |
| Andaman & Nicobar | 49 | 26 |
| Dadra & N Haveli | 52 | 26 |
| Daman & Diu | 43 | 13 |
| Lakshadweep | 10 | 10 |
| **GRAND TOTAL** | **365361** | **270132** |

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