

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1383  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2021**

**VILLAGES WITHOUT ACCESS TO INTERNET SERVICES**

1383. SHRI GAUTAM GAMBHIR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of villages in the country without access to internet services, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government is considering any proposal to involve Corporate Social Responsibility(CSR) funds to bridge the digital divide between students in rural and urban areas; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS, EDUCATION AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE)**

- (a) Internet is currently accessed through mobile wireless 3G/4G technologies and fixed wireline broadband in the country. As per data collected from the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) in 2020, it is estimated that 37,439 inhabited villages (as per Census 2011) in the country do not have 3G/ 4G mobile internet coverage. State/UT-wise details are given in **Annexure**.
- (b) & (c) At present no such proposal is under consideration.

Annexure referred to in Part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1383 for Answer on 10.02.2021.

**No. of Villages not having 3G/ 4G mobile internet coverage**

Sl. No.	State/UT	No of inhabited villages as per Census 2011	No of inhabited villages not having 3G/4G mobile internet Coverage
1	Andaman & Nicobar	396	311
2	Andhra Pradesh	16158	2095
3	Arunachal Pradesh	5258	3343
4	Assam	25372	1231
5	Bihar	39073	321
6	Chandigarh	5	0
7	Chhattisgarh	19567	2793
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	84	11
9	Delhi	103	0
10	Goa	320	21
11	Gujarat	17843	775
12	Haryana	6642	1
13	Himachal Pradesh	17882	974
14	Jammu & Kashmir	6101	388
15	Jharkhand	29492	2069
16	Karnataka	27397	608
17	Kerala	1017	0
18	Ladakh	236	155
19	Lakshadweep	6	0
20	Madhya Pradesh	51929	2450
21	Maharashtra	40959	2014
22	Manipur	2515	806
23	Meghalaya	6459	2418
24	Mizoram	704	296
25	Nagaland	1400	378
26	Odisha	47677	8947
27	Punjab	12168	1
28	Puducherry	90	0
29	Rajasthan	43264	1453
30	Sikkim	425	16
31	Tamil Nadu	15049	74
32	Telangana	10128	375
33	Tripura	863	60
34	Uttarakhand	15745	2410
35	Uttar Pradesh	97813	620
36	West Bengal	37478	25
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5,97,618</b>	<b>37,439</b>

