

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2740  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2021**

**TELECOM TOWERS IN RURAL AREAS**

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of villages in the rural areas of the country where telecommunication towers were installed during each of the last two years and the current year, State/UT-wise and telecom company-wise; and
- (b) the number of such towers proposed to be installed in rural areas in the next financial year, State/ UT-wise and telecom company-wise?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Sir, the total number of villages in the rural areas of the country where telecommunication towers were installed during each of the last two years and the current year, State/UT-wise and telecom company-wise is attached as **Annexure-1**.
- (b) Telecom companies explore opportunities to expand their network coverage by installing new towers. This is subject to techno-commercial feasibility and a number of dynamic factors which are beyond their control. Telecom Companies in most of the States/ UTs have expressed their inability to provide their future plan. However, for some of the States/ UTs they have provided number of towers proposed to be installed in rural areas in the next financial year which is attached as **Annexure-2**.

**Telecom company-wise total number of villages where telecom towers were installed during the last two years and the current year**

S No	State/UT	Name of Company	No. of Census inhibited villages where telecom towers were installed		
			During 2018-19	During 2019-20	During 2020-21
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	BAL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		BSNL	NIL	8	NIL
		VIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
2	Andhra Pradesh	BSNL	11	12	12
		BAL	260	309	463
		RJIL	2041	594	33
		VIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
3	Arunachal Pradesh	BSNL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		RJIL	46	52	NIL
		BHL	157	275	126
		VIL	57	12	4
4	Assam	BAL	378	570	468
		BSNL	30	2	NIL
		RJIL	1274	956	703
		VIL	7	1	NIL
5	Bihar	BAL	441	1091	928
		BSNL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		VIL	247	295	4
		RJIL	2424	2208	1388
6	Chandigarh	BAL	1	1	3
		BSNL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		RJIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		VIL	NIL	NIL	1
7	Chattisgarh	BSNL	44	13	2
		VIL	2	3	NIL
		RJIL	2192	777	670
		BAL	65	232	22
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu	BAL	2	1	1
		VIL	NIL	2	4
		BSNL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		RJIL	16	4	1
9	Goa	BAL	9	5	2
		VIL	NIL	1	NIL
		RJIL	87	25	8
		BSNL	34	8	1
10	Gujarat	BAL	265	152	279
		VIL	94	144	209
		BSNL	79	64	36
		RJIL	2905	1321	1036
11	Haryana	RJIL	2173	351	35
		BSNL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		BAL	112	52	350
		VIL	50	164	45
12	Himachal Pradesh	BSNL	11	14	4

		RJIL	777	489	89
		VIL	51	10	NIL
		BAL	290	255	416
13	Jammu and Kashmir	BAL	194	103	191
		RJIL	1231	448	193
		BSNL	NIL	NIL	3
		VIL	30	36	NIL
14	Jharkhand	BAL	127	540	583
		BSNL	42	NIL	NIL
		VIL	58	47	NIL
		RJIL	1361	933	948
15	Karnataka	RJIL	1839	1474	656
		BAL	470	1067	1066
		VIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		BSNL	38	19	6
16	Kerala	BSNL	83	40	22
		VIL	3	4	NIL
		RJIL	32	39	17
		BAL	151	42	220
17	Ladakh	BSNL	15	10	4
		VIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		BAL	16	9	47
		RJIL	54	34	21
18	Lakshadweep	BAL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		BSNL	2	1	NIL
19	Madhya Pradesh	BAL	50	42	80
		BSNL	114	481	NIL
		RJIL	4474	1758	932
		VIL	15	46	4
20	Maharashtra	BAL	255	558	349
		VIL	28	14	45
		RJIL	3725	2120	387
		BSNL	1305	532	59
		MTNL	NIL	NIL	NIL
21	Manipur	BSNL	8	55	14
		RJIL	86	68	4
		BHL	187	401	301
		VIL	31	11	3
22	Meghalaya	BSNL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		RJIL	189	230	2
		BHL	238	146	142
		VIL	52	45	NIL
23	Mizoram	BSNL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		RJIL	37	37	NIL
		BHL	97	238	121
		VIL	4	2	NIL
24	Nagaland	BSNL	NIL	30	3
		RJIL	64	76	1
		BHL	139	237	130
		VIL	23	14	2
25	Delhi	BAL	8	18	7
		VIL	11	24	13
		RJIL	35	11	7

		MTNL	NIL	NIL	NIL
26	Odisha	BAL	573	687	873
		BSNL	84	51	13
		RJIL	2278	1256	591
		VIL	18	41	5
27	Puducherry	BAL	3	1	1
		BSNL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		RJIL	51	17	11
		VIL	1	5	9
28	Punjab	BAL	349	152	345
		BSNL	15	NIL	NIL
		RJIL	1772	187	1
		VIL	70	26	120
29	Rajasthan	VIL	18	14	15
		BSNL	32	NIL	5
		RJIL	4653	1995	234
		BHL	251	901	1041
30	Sikkim	BAL	1	9	1
		BSNL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		RJIL	28	34	13
		VIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
31	Tamil Nadu	BAL	2384	166	295
		VIL	541	347	563
		BSNL	2	2	NIL
		RJIL	5766	1491	834
32	Telangana	BSNL	13	7	3
		BAL	212	190	350
		VIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		RJIL	1699	583	40
33	Tripura	BSNL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		RJIL	128	80	1
		BHL	294	165	129
		VIL	37	6	NIL
34	Uttar Pradesh	BAL	417	174	728
		BSNL	322	6	1
		RJIL	7125	1797	1078
		VIL	31	587	63
35	Uttarakhand	VIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		RJIL	436	481	471
		BAL	90	32	95
		BSNL	3	18	1
36	West Bengal	BAL	1	5	16
		BSNL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		RJIL	2003	1874	168
		VIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

Legends:

BAL	:	Bharti Airtel Limited
BHL	:	Bharti Hexacom Limited
BSNL	:	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited
MTNL	:	Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited
RJIL	:	Reliance JioInfocomm Limited
VIL	:	Vodafone Idea Limited

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**Telecom company-wise number of such towers proposed to be installed in rural areas in the next financial year, State/ UT-wise**

<b>S No</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Name of TSPs/Company</b>	<b>No. of Census inhibited villages where telecom towers proposed to be installed during next Financial Year</b>
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	BSNL	10
2	Andhra Pradesh	BSNL	20
3	Assam	BSNL	45
4	Karnataka	BAL	350
5	Odisha	BSNL	120
6	Sikkim	BAL	9
7	Tamil Nadu	BSNL	5

Legends:

BAL : Bharti Airtel Limited  
BSNL : Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited

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