

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2825  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2021**

**MOBILE & LANDLINE CONNECTIVITY IN MAHARASTRA**

2825. SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and the number of villages in Maharashtra which have no mobile and landline connectivity as of now;
- (b) whether the Government is making any efforts to provide this connectivity in such villages; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) As per data provided by Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) and field units of Department of Telecommunications, it is estimated that out of 40959 inhabited villages (as per Census-2011) in the state of Maharashtra, 2328 villages have no telecom connectivity. District wise details are given in **Annexure-I**.
- (b) & (c) The uncovered villages are being covered in phases by the TSPs and under various schemes of Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF). In Maharashtra, 735 villages are already being covered under existing USOF schemes.

Annexure referred to in reply of para (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2825 to be answered on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 raised by Hon'ble Member of Parliament regarding "Mobile and Landline Connectivity in Maharashtra"

<b>District wise list of Villages with no telecom Connectivity in the state of Maharashtra</b>			
Sr. No.	District Name*	Total No of inhabited villages as per Census	No. of Uncovered villages as on December 2020
1	Ahmadnagar	1581	2
2	Akola	864	14
3	Amravati	1637	133
4	Aurangabad	1314	13
5	Bhandara	771	14
6	Bid	1357	25
7	Buldana	1300	20
8	Chandrapur	1463	79
9	Dhule	674	16
10	Gadchiroli	1509	602
11	Gondiya	883	36
12	Hingoli	675	5
13	Jalgaon	1487	28
14	Jalna	958	1
15	Kolhapur	1195	36
16	Latur	928	3
17	Nagpur	1617	77
18	Nanded	1541	18
19	Nandurbar	930	186
20	Nashik	1919	166
21	Osmanabad	728	3
22	Parbhani	830	7
23	Pune	1852	116
24	Raigarh	1860	117
25	Ratnagiri	1531	167
26	Sangli	725	6
27	Satara	1719	117
28	Sindhudurg	740	97
29	Solapur	1143	8
30	Thane (including	1704	134
31	Wardha	973	10
32	Washim	698	14
33	Yavatmal	1853	58
<b>Total</b>		<b>40959</b>	<b>2328</b>

\*Districts are as per census 2011. Presently there are 34 district (having villages) in the state of Maharashtra. However, villages are also as per the census of 2011 and thus includes the census villages of one newly carved out district.

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