

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

**LOKSABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1161  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2022**

**MOBILE NETWORK ISSUE**

1161. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether people from Swarga area in Enmakaje Grama Panchayat in Kasargod district of Kerala are facing mobile network problem for the past six years, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government authorities are aware of this problem, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of mobile network providers in the aforesaid area;
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to overcome the issue of mobile networks; and
- (e) whether there is any plan to install mobile network towers by the Government and if so, the time by which the said project is expected to be implemented?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) The specified area has hilly terrain. Generally, the mobile network coverage and Internet/data speed in the hilly areas depends on various geographical factors such as type of terrain, vegetation and other technical parameters such as technology deployed, availability of line of sight, backhaul media connectivity, number of simultaneous users etc.

Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) namely M/s Bharti Airtel Limited, M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited and M/s Vodafone Idea Limited have mobile network coverage in Swarga area in Enmakaje Grama Panchayat in Kasargod district of Kerala.

(d) & (e) TSPs install mobile towers and Base Transceiver Stations (BTSs) to improve coverage and capacity of their networks based on their techno-commercial requirements. Presently, there is no plan to install mobile tower under Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) scheme for the area.

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