

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 164
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND FEBRUARY, 2022**

NUMBER OF VILLAGES WITH MOBILE SERVICES

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages which have not yet been provided with mobile services so far, State-wise along with the reasons therefor; and
- (b) the number of Wi-Fi hotspots that have been installed at Gram Panchayats (GPs) and services are provided therefrom, State-wise including Santhal Pargana in Jharkhand?

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 as of December 2020, it is estimated that out of 5,97,618 inhabited villages in the country, as per Census-2011, 25,067 villages don't have mobile connectivity. Out of 25,067 uncovered villages around 11,000 villages have been included in Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) schemes. The remaining villages of the country are covered by the Government and Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) in a phased manner. The State/UT wise details of the uncovered villages are given in **Annexure-I**.
- (b) Under BharatNet Project of Government of India, as on 03.01.2022, 1,04,259 number of Gram Panchayats(GPs) of the country including GPs of Santhal Pargana in Jharkhand have Wi-Fi Hotspots installed. There are 53,913 number of GPs where Wi-Fi Hotspots are providing services. Further, in Santhal Pargana, 517 number of Wi-Fi Hotspots are providing services. The State/UT wise details of the GPs are given in **Annexure-II**.

Annexure referred to in reply of para (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 164 to be answered on 02nd February 2022 raised by Hon'ble Member of Parliament regarding "Number of Villages with Mobile Services"

State/UT-Wise Details of Mobile Connectivity in Villages of Country			
Sl. No.	State/UT	No of inhabited villages as per Census 2011	No. of Villages which do not have Mobile Connectivity as per December 2020 data
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	396	151
2	Andhra Pradesh	16158	1787
3	Arunachal Pradesh	5258	2223
4	Assam	25372	616
5	Bihar	39073	245
6	Chandigarh	5	0
7	Chhattisgarh	19567	1847
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman Diu	84	0
9	Goa	320	28
10	Gujarat	17843	512
11	Haryana	6642	0
12	Himachal Pradesh	17882	383
13	Jammu & Kashmir	6101	154
14	Jharkhand	29492	1144
15	Karnataka	27397	441
16	Kerala	1017	0
17	Ladakh	236	64
18	Lakshadweep	6	1
19	Madhya Pradesh	51929	2612
20	Maharashtra	40959	2328
21	Manipur	2515	463
22	Meghalaya	6459	1674
23	Mizoram	704	206
24	Nagaland	1400	144
25	Nct Of Delhi	103	0
26	Odisha	47677	6099
27	Puducherry	90	0
28	Punjab	12168	0
29	Rajasthan	43264	941
30	Sikkim	425	10
31	Tamil Nadu	15049	49
32	Telangana	10128	153
33	Tripura	863	31
34	Uttarakhand	15745	426
35	Uttar Pradesh	97813	327
36	West Bengal	37478	8
	Total	597618	25067

Annexure referred to in reply of para (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 164 to be answered on 02nd February 2022 raised by Hon'ble Member of Parliament regarding "Number of Villages with Mobile Services"

No of GPs provided with Wi- Fi Hotspots from BharatNet Network as on 03.01.2022			
S. No.	State/UT	No. of GPs where Wi-Fi Hotspots installed	No. of GPs where Wi-Fi Hotspots are providing services
1	Andaman & Nicobar	2	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	1570	484
3	Arunachal Pradesh	240	184
4	Assam	0	0
5	Bihar	5344	3553
6	Chandigarh	12	12
7	Chhattisgarh	3655	2540
8	Dadra Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu	36	12
9	Gujarat	3954	1814
10	Haryana	5955	4347
11	Himachal Pradesh	252	215
12	Jammu & Kashmir	981	598
13	Jharkhand	2383	824
14	Karnataka	5301	3154
15	Kerala	977	660
16	Lakshadweep	0	0
17	Ladakh	169	114
18	Madhya Pradesh	11536	4243
19	Maharashtra	11014	3406
20	Manipur	161	7
21	Meghalaya	70	51
22	Mizoram	0	0
23	Nagaland	0	0
24	Odisha	2511	1337
25	Puducherry	81	81
26	Punjab	7887	5511
27	Rajasthan	8078	5237
28	Sikkim	0	0
29	Telangana	1995	355
30	Tripura	574	316
31	Uttar Pradesh	26898	13741
32	Uttarakhand	1251	933
33	West Bengal	1372	184
Total		1,04,259	53,913
