

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 183
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND FEBRUARY, 2022**

TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES

†183. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether tele-communication facilities are not available in the backward and remote villages of Gujarat particularly in Bharuch district;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of such villages in the State and reasons therefor; and
- (c) the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) As per data provided by Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) and field units of Department of Telecommunications as on December 2020, it is estimated that out of 17843 inhabited villages in the state of Gujarat, as per Census-2011, 512 villages don't have mobile telecommunication connectivity which includes 11 inhabited census villages of Bharuch district. The remaining villages of the country are covered by the Government and Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) in a phased manner. The District wise details of villages which don't have mobile connectivity for the State of Gujarat is given in **Annexure-I**.

(c) Government has taken various initiatives under Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) to improve mobile telecommunication connectivity in backward and remote areas of the country. Under USOF Scheme for Provisioning of mobile connectivity in 354 uncovered villages, 70 villages in the State of Gujarat have been included.

Annexure referred to in reply of para (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 183 to be answered on 02nd February 2022 raised by Hon'ble Member of Parliament regarding "Telecommunication Facilities"

District -Wise Details of Villages of Gujarat without Telecommunication connectivity			
Sl. No.	District Name*	No of inhabited villages as per Census 2011	No. of Villages which do not have Mobile Connectivity as per 2020 data
1	Ahmadabad	506	6
2	Amreli	614	6
3	Anand	347	0
4	Banas Kantha	1233	25
5	Bharuch	647	11
6	Bhavnagar	783	8
7	Dohad	691	8
8	Gandhinagar	252	0
9	Jamnagar	697	22
10	Junagadh	901	35
11	Kachchh	877	83
12	Kheda	615	0
13	Mahesana	597	0
14	Narmada	558	67
15	Navsari	372	2
16	Panch Mahals	1198	7
17	Patan	517	6
18	Porbandar	179	10
19	Rajkot	833	2
20	Sabar Kantha	1364	6
21	Surat	690	5
22	Surendranagar	647	11
23	Tapi	451	28
24	The Dangs	308	98
25	Vadodara	1533	40
26	Valsad	433	26
Total		17843	512

*Districts are as per census 2011
