

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2428
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH MARCH, 2022**

NON-AVAILABILITY OF TELECOM NETWORK

†2428. SHRI SADASHIV KISAN LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that online education of students of all Government and private schools has been disrupted during the world-wide Corona and Omicron pandemic due to non-availability of telecom mobile network in Akole tribal dominated tehsil under Shirdi Parliamentary Constituency of Maharashtra State and the situation continues to be the same even now;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to set up mobile towers for telecom network in Akole tehsil of Shirdi Parliamentary Constituency; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) As per data provided by Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) and field units of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), as on 28.02.2022, for Akole sub district in Ahemadnagar district, it is estimated that out of total 190 inhabited villages, 153 villages are having mobile network coverage and 37 villages are uncovered. The uncovered villages of the country, including Akole tribal dominated tehsil of Maharashtra State, are being covered in phases by the TSPs and by the Government of India under various schemes of Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF).
