

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 57
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND FEBRUARY, 2022**

HIGH SPEED NETWORK

†57. SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK NIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Wi-Fi and other high speed networks and mobile networks is not available in the remote rural areas of Madha Parliamentary Constituency of Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the people of this area has to face many difficulties and hardships due to this and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the POS machines do not function due to non-availability of network there resulting in non-delivery of ration on time;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether there is any proposal to install mobile towers in Maharashtra including Madha Parliamentary Constituency; and
- (f) if so, district and State-wise details of the mobile towers installed?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) As per data provided by Telecom Service Providers and field units of Department of Telecommunications, a total number of 678 villages are having either 2G, 3G or 4G wireless mobile internet coverage out of around 683 inhabited villages (as per Census 2011) in the Madha Parliamentary Constituency. In addition to this, under BharatNet project, 420 Gram Panchayats(GPs) have been made service ready with Broadband infrastructure and Wi-Fi have been installed in 291 GPs in the Madha Parliamentary Constituency.

(c) & (d) In event of non-availability of network in Electronic Point of Sale (ePOS) devices in Fair Price shops, National Informatics Centre(NIC)/ State technical teams have developed the software for ePOS devices where the facility of recording offline transactions (without biometric authentication) is available.

(e) Under Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) schemes for provision of 4G mobile coverage in uncovered villages in Aspirational districts and Left Wing Extremism(LWE) Area Phase-II, there is a plan to install 583 mobile towers in Maharashtra.

(f) State-wise and District-wise details in Maharashtra of mobile towers installed as on 31.12.2021 are at **Annexure A and Annexure B** respectively.

Annexure A

**Annexure referred to in Part (f) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question
No. 57 for answer on 02.02.2022.**

State-wise number of Mobile towers as on 31-12-2021

SN	State/UT	No of Mobile towers
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	308
2.	Andhra Pradesh	24533
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	1334
4.	Assam	16011
5.	Bihar	37307
6.	Chandigarh	1180
7.	Chhattisgarh	14141
8.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	421
9.	Delhi	21643
10.	Goa	1534
11.	Gujarat	41803
12.	Haryana	22263
13.	Himachal Pradesh	8181
14.	Jammu & Kashmir	10149
15.	Jharkhand	19235
16.	Karnataka	44787
17.	Kerala	19647
18.	Laddakh	466
19.	Lakshadweep	32
20.	Madhya Pradesh	36689
21.	Maharashtra	73435
22.	Manipur	2406
23.	Meghalaya	1982
24.	Mizoram	1096
25.	Nagaland	1468
26.	Odisha	22991
27.	Puducherry	704
28.	Punjab	21860
29.	Rajasthan	37342
30.	Sikkim	686
31.	Tamil Nadu	45006
32.	Telangana	26814
33.	Tripura	2407
34.	Uttar Pradesh	82189
35.	Uttarakhand	8568
36.	West Bengal	44520
	Grand Total	695138

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District-wise no. of Mobile towers in Maharashtra on 31.12.2021

Sr.No.	District	No. of Mobile towers
1.	Ahmednagar	2627
2.	Akola	913
3.	Amravati	1439
4.	Aurangabad	2247
5.	Beed	1162
6.	Bhandara	538
7.	Buldhana	1067
8.	Chandrapur	1015
9.	Dhule	977
10.	Gadchiroli	423
11.	Gondia	560
12.	Hingoli	547
13.	Jalgaon	1934
14.	Jalna	859
15.	Kolhapur	2031
16.	Mumbai City (including Mumbai Suburban)	11760
17.	Latur	1101
18.	Nagpur	3347
19.	Nanded	1462
20.	Nandurbar	585
21.	Nashik	3275
22.	Osmanabad	865
23.	Palghar	1158
24.	Parbhani	716
25.	Raigad	2228
26.	Ratnagiri	862
27.	Sangli	1623
28.	Satara	1663
29.	Sindhudurg	426
30.	Solapur	2437
31.	Thane	8787
32.	Wardha	713
33.	Washim	499
34.	Yavatmal	1185
35.	Pune	10404
	Total	73435
