

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 474
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH JULY, 2022**

TELECOM TOWERS IN PUNJAB

474. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of villages in the rural areas of Chandigarh and Punjab where telecom towers have been installed, State/UT and telecom company-wise during each of the last two years and the current year; and
- (b) the number of such towers targeted to be installed in the rural areas of Chandigarh and Punjab in the coming financial year?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Sir, the total number of villages in the rural areas of Chandigarh and Punjab where Base Transceiver Stations (BTSs) have been installed, State/UT and telecom company-wise during each of the last two years and the current year is attached as **Annexure**.
- (b) The Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) decide their future plan based on their capacity, techno-commercial assessment and other parameters.

ANNEXURE

TOTAL NUMBER OF VILLAGES IN THE RURAL AREAS OF CHANDIGARH AND PUNJAB WHERE BASE TRANSCIVER STATIONS (BTSs) HAVE BEEN INSTALLED, STATE/UT AND TELECOM COMPANY-WISE DURING EACH OF THE LAST TWO YEARS AND THE CURRENT YEAR:

S No	State/UT	Name of TSP	No. of Census inhabited villages where BTSs* were installed		
			During 2020-21	During 2021-22	During current year 2022-23
1	Chandigarh	BAL	3	4	NIL
		BSNL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		RJIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		VIL	1	1	NIL
2	Punjab	BAL	345	347	35
		BSNL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		RJIL	1	NIL	NIL
		VIL	120	636	108

* The data in the tabulation gives the number of village where Base Transceiver Stations (BTSs) were installed, as Tower is a shared infrastructure, and may not be owned by Telecom Service Providers (TSPs). However, BTS is owned by TSPs and it is the BTS that accounts for transmission of mobile signal and coverage in the area.

Legends:

BAL : Bharti Airtel Limited
BSNL : Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited
RJIL : Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited
VIL : Vodafone Idea Limited
