

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3819  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2024**

**MOBILE TOWERS IN BHAGALPUR**

**†3819. Shri Ajay Kumar Mandal:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of total number of villages in rural areas of Bihar, including Bhagalpur district where telecom towers have been installed during each of the last three years and the current year, telecom company and year-wise; and
- (b) the number of towers targeted to be upgraded in rural areas in the coming financial year, region-wise ?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
(DR. PEMMASANI CHANDRA SEKHAR)**

- (a) The details of total number of villages in rural areas of Bihar, including Bhagalpur district where Base Transceiver Stations (BTSs) have been installed during each of the last three years and the current year, Telecom Service Provider (TSP) and year-wise are placed as **Annexure-I**.
- (b) Government of India has undertaken '4G Saturation Project' which aims to provide 4G mobile services to all uncovered villages in the country. Under this project, in Bihar State, 136 villages have been identified for 4G coverage. This includes sites identified for upgradation to 4G network. Further, Telecom Service Providers are also continuously expanding their mobile networks.

**Annexure-I**

Annexure to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. †3819 to be answered on 18.12.2024.

**Number of villages in the rural area where BTSs have been setup in the last three years and current year:**

Year	TSP	Number of villages where BTSs have been installed in Bihar State	Number of villages where BTSs have been installed in Bhagalpur District
2021-22	Bharti Airtel Limited	1876	13
	BSNL	0	0
	Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited	2746	54
	Vodafone Idea Limited	0	0
2022-23	Bharti Airtel Limited	4962	52
	BSNL	0	0
	Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited	882	43
	Vodafone Idea Limited	0	0
2023-24	Bharti Airtel Limited	2294	57
	BSNL	0	0
	Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited	169	5
	Vodafone Idea Limited	11	0
2024-25 (till November 2024)	Bharti Airtel Limited	709	22
	BSNL	0	0
	Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited	115	2
	Vodafone Idea Limited	40	0

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