

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3871  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2024**

**COMPREHENSIVE TELECOM DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of the Comprehensive Telecom Development Plan (CTDP) for North Eastern Region along with its objectives and targets set thereof; and
- (b) the details of the benefits to North Eastern Region from this scheme along with the future plans thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b) The salient features of Comprehensive Telecom Development Plan for North Eastern Region (NER) funded from Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) include to provide mobile coverage to identified uncovered villages and along National Highways by installation of mobile towers, with objectives to provide access to public mobile network to unreached public of NER. This has led to affordable and equitable access of communications services for empowering citizens with the benefits of Information & Communications Technologies (ICTs) for their socio-economic development.

Further, DBN funded project for saturation of 4G mobile services in uncovered villages across the country, including NER is also approved.

As of October, 2024, a total of 2619 towers covering 3223 villages and 286 National Highways locations, have been installed under various DBN's schemes for providing mobile coverage in uncovered villages of NER and along with National Highways. Remaining uncovered villages of NER are planned to provide 4G mobile services under DBN funded schemes.

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