

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 272
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH MARCH, 2025**

MOBILE NETWORK CONNECTION IN BORDER AREAS

†*272. **SHRI HARISH CHANDRA MEENA:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of the border villages without any mobile network connectivity in Rajasthan;
- (b) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to ensure mobile network connectivity in the strategic border areas; and
- (c) the time by which the border villages are likely to be provided with mobile network connectivity?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN
REGION
(SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)**

- (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.272 FOR 19TH MARCH, 2025 REGARDING “MOBILE NETWORK CONNECTION IN BORDER AREAS.”

(a) to (c) 95.15% of villages/habitations in the border areas of Rajasthan are already having mobile coverage. Details of district wise mobile coverage in villages/habitations in the border areas of Rajasthan is at **Annexure-I**.

Mobile coverage for inhabited uncovered villages is provided by the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) based on their techno-commercial viability. Government, through funding from Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN), is implementing various schemes for expansion of telecom connectivity through installation of mobile towers in the rural, remote and border areas of the country, including Rajasthan.

Further, the Government has taken initiatives to enhance mobile connectivity in the country including border areas. These include: -

- Amendment to Licensing conditions for removing the restrictions on installation of mobile towers near International Border Areas.
- Notification of Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024 for faster and easier rollout of telecom infrastructure.
- The Right of Way (RoW) permissions for the installation of mobile towers have been facilitated by the launch of Gati Shakti Sanchar Portal for faster RoW approvals and the time of RoW clearance has been reduced by over 85% since 2019.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply of part (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. *272 to be answered on 19th March, 2025 raised by Hon'ble Member of Parliament regarding "Mobile Network Connection in Border Areas"

District wise mobile coverage details of villages/habitations in border areas of Rajasthan:

S. No.	District Name	Total Villages/ Habitations in border areas	Villages/ Habitations having mobile coverage (2G/3G/4G)	Percentage of Villages/ Habitations covered
1	Barmer	183	172	93.98
2	Bikaner	52	52	100
3	Jaisalmer	186	134	72.04
4	Sri Ganganagar	901	900	99.88
Total		1322	1258	95.15
