## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3147 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2025

#### **MOBILE TOWERS IN ANDHRA PRADESH**

#### 3147. SHRI PUTTA MAHESH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the total number of mobile towers built, upgraded and under construction during the last five years, State and district-wise especially in Andhra Pradesh and Eluru District;

(b) the details regarding the total amount of funding allocated and utilised for mobile tower construction across the country during the last five years, State and district-wise especially, in Andhra Pradesh and Eluru District;

(c) the details regarding the percentage of connectivity via mobile towers in a State and districtwise particularly in Andhra Pradesh and in Eluru District;

(d) whether the Government has undertaken any initiatives to increase mobile tower construction in remote areas in Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) if so, the details of the funds disbursed and utilised along with the Central share under the schemes, State and district-wise especially in Andhra Pradesh?

#### ANSWER

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

(a) The State-wise details of the total number of mobile towers built during the last five years is placed as **Annexure - I** and the district-wise mobile towers built during the last five years in Andhra Pradesh is placed as **Annexure - II**. No record is available about mobile towers upgraded or under construction.

(b) The State/ UT-wise details of funds disbursed/ utilized under various Mobile Projects of Digital Bharat Nidhi (**DBN**) during last five financial years (2019-20 to 2023-24) is placed as **Annexure – III.** District-wise fund disbursement/ utilization record is not maintained.

(c) Licensed Service Area (LSA)-wise percentage of the population covered by the mobile cellular network as on 31.12.2024 is placed as **Annexure - IV.** District-wise connectivity record is not maintained.

(d) Mobile services in an area are provided by Telecom Service Providers (**TSPs**) based on their techno-commercial viability. Mobile coverage for inhabited uncovered villages is provided by Government and the TSPs in a phased manner. Government is implementing various DBN funded mobile schemes for providing 4G mobile services across the country. Details of the mobile schemes under implementation in the Andhra Pradesh State are as under

S.N.	Specific Scheme(s)
1	4G Saturation Scheme
2	7287 uncovered villages of Aspirational Districts
3	Left Wing Extremism Phase-II
4	Left Wing Extremism Phase-I Upgradation

(e) As on 31.01.2025, total of Rs. 992.11 crore has been disbursed/ utilized under Major ongoing Mobile projects of DBN, for Andhra Pradesh. The Scheme-wise details are given as under

S.N.	Name of Schemes	Fund disbursed/ utilized (as on 31.01.2025) in crores
1	4G Saturation Scheme	546.34
2	7287 uncovered villages of Aspirational Districts	211.41
3	Left Wing Extremism Phase-II	84.17
4	Left Wing Extremism Phase-I Upgradation	150.19
	Total	992.11

District-wise fund disbursement/ utilization record is not maintained.

Annexure-I

	State-wise Mobile Tower details					
		No of Towers	No of	No of	No of	No of
		as on	Towers as	Towers as on	Towers as on	Towers as on
		31.03.2021	on	31.03.2023	31.03.2024	28.02.2025
			31.03.2022			
	Andaman & Nicobar					
1	(UT)	260	329	357	401	437
2	Andhra Pradesh	23436	24880	26401	27960	28803
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1191	1401	1676	2023	2217
4	Assam	14443	16502	17803	18793	19166
5	Bihar	33134	38509	41712	44497	45450
6	Chandigarh (UT)	1143	1177	1197	1232	1219
7	Chattisgarh	12898	14572	15430	16129	17387
	Dadra & Nagar Haveli					
8	and Daman & Diu (UT)	410	433	458	488	521
9	Delhi	19639	22314	23923	24790	25358
10	Goa	1514	1573	1684	1715	1746
11	Gujarat	39758	42530	44317	46638	48980
12	Haryana	20545	22707	24521	25716	26501
13	Himachal Pradesh	7714	8331	8957	9289	9640
14	Jammu & Kashmir	9561	10218	10977	11559	11732
15	Jharkhand	16747	19899	21237	22349	22909
16	Karnataka	42278	44970	47818	49643	49917
17	Kerala	18836	19966	20863	22140	23701
18	Laddakh	389	471	564	609	657
19	Lakshadweep (UT)	32	33	34	37	41
20	Madhya Pradesh	35169	37285	38667	40804	43155
21	Maharashtra	67669	75420	79053	83233	86247
22	Manipur	2222	2453	2635	2656	2677
23	Meghalaya	1784	2152	2324	2465	2508
24	Mizoram	1008	1138	1288	1340	1361
25	Nagaland	1377	1506	1609	1697	1735
26	Odisha	21082	23506	25595	28186	29882
27	Puducherry (UT)	672	716	749	800	814
28	Punjab	21006	22061	23370	24200	24475
29	Rajasthan	35166	38038	40481	43768	44446
30	Sikkim	635	704	751	760	758
31	Tamilnadu	43660	45516	47071	49398	50093
32	Telangana	25097	27272	28655	30122	30755
33	Tripura	2217	2438	2577	2663	2682
34	Uttar Pradesh	74284	84542	91383	97590	100980
35	Uttarakhand	7930	8847	9387	9880	10437
36	West Bengal	40908	45631	48543	51201	52831
	Grand Total	645814	710040	754067	796771	822218

S.No	AP State District Name	No of Towers as on 31.03.2021	No of Towers as on 31.03.2022	No of Towers as on 31.03.2023	No of Towers as on 31.03.2024	No of Towers as on 28.02.2025
1	ALLURI SITHARAMA RAJU	250	293	363	748	867
2	ANAKAPALLI	693	745	786	810	835
3	ANANTHAPURAMU	1389	1480	1586	1620	1641
4	ANNAMAYYA	794	882	971	994	1024
5	BAPATLA	685	677	726	766	789
6	CHITTOOR	971	944	993	1072	1092
7	DR. B. R. AMBEDKAR KONASEEMA	573	622	653	686	707
8	EAST GODAVARI	774	821	865	923	958
9	ELURU	919	980	1021	1090	1128
10	GUNTUR	1231	1145	1197	1267	1291
11	KAKINADA	840	894	957	1012	1055
12	KRISHNA	770	820	895	915	932
13	KURNOOL	965	1056	1155	1225	1245
14	NANDYAL	722	798	890	943	978
15	NTR	1264	1290	1386	1379	1412
16	PALNADU	862	917	983	1020	1052
17	PARVATHIPURAM MANYAM	294	316	352	426	451
18	PRAKASAM	1117	1115	1145	1219	1255
19	SRI POTTI SRIRAMULU NELLORE	1207	1189	1278	1299	1333
20	SRI SATHYA SAI	894	995	1056	1089	1100
21	SRIKAKULAM	858	1013	1015	1059	1097
22	TIRUPATI	1294	1489	1535	1610	1662
23	VISAKHAPATNAM	1397	1512	1596	1656	1693
24	VIZIANAGARAM	791	830	881	912	938
25	WEST GODAVARI	789	912	871	925	945
26	Y S R	1093	1145	1245	1295	1323
Grand Total		23436	24880	26401	27960	28803

Annexure-III

Sl. No.	Name of State/UTs	Figures in Rs. Crore
1	Andaman and Nicobar	33
2	Andhra Pradesh	642
3	Assam	521
4	NE-I (including Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura)	403
5	NE-II (including Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Nagaland)	820
6	Bihar	222
7	Chhattisgarh	800
8	Gujrat	174
9	Haryana	1
10	Himachal Pradesh	211
11	Jharkhand	812
12	Jammu and Kashmir (including Ladakh)	233
13	Karnataka	143
14	Kerala	50
15	Lakshadweep	10
16	Maharashtra	835
17	Madhya Pradesh	477
18	Odisha	934
19	Punjab	11
20	Rajasthan	366
21	Sikkim	10
22	Telangana	153
23	Tamil Nadu	76
24	Uttar Pradesh	144
25	Uttarakhand	152
26	West Bengal	78
	Total	8311

The State/UT-wise details of funds disbursed / utilized under various Mobile Projects of DBN during last five financial years (2019-20 to 2023-24)

# Annexure-IV

Status as on 31-12-2024				
Sr.No.	Name of LSA	% of population covered by mobile cellular network		
1	Andhra Pradesh	99.58		
2	Assam	98.88		
3	Bihar	99.82		
4	Delhi	100		
5	Gujarat	99.72		
7	Haryana	99.99		
6	Himachal Pradesh	99.79		
8	Jammu & Kashmir	99.91		
11	Karnataka	99.63		
10	Kerala	100		
9	Kolkata	100		
13	Madhya Pradesh	97.53		
12	Maharashtra	98.57		
14	Mumbai	100		
15	North East	91.39		
16	Odisha	97.97		
17	Punjab	99.99		
18	Rajasthan	98.6		
19	Tamil Nadu	99.96		
20	UP(E)	99.79		
21	UP(W)	99.84		
22	West Bengal	99.99		
	TOTAL	99.28		

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