GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2796 ANSWERED ON 6TH AUGUST, 2025

TELECOM OPERATORS IN STRENGTHENING DISASTER-RESILIENCE CAPACITY

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has allocated any specific funds or introduced any financial assistance schemes to provide support to telecom operators in strengthening disaster-resilience capacity, especially in cyclone and flood-prone areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the amount allocated and implementation mechanism;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to build telecom towers in coastal and disaster prone States to make them resilient to high-speed wind and other extreme weather conditions;
- (d) if so, the details of the proposed changes in the telecom infrastructure regulations; and
- (e) the time frame for implementation of these measures to ensure uninterrupted telecom services during natural calamities?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b) No specific fund has been allocated to provide support to telecom operators in strengthening disaster-resilience capacity.
- (c) to (e) Telecom towers are built by the Telecom Service Providers. However, while planning the deployment of any tower in a given location, the TSPs conduct Hazard Vulnerability Assessments taking into account risks related to cyclones, floods, seismic activity, and tsunamis.
