GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2810 ANSWERED ON 6TH AUGUST, 2025

POOR CONNECTIVITY OF MOBILE AND INTERNET NETWORK IN RURAL AREAS

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the poor connectivity of mobile and internet networks in the rural areas of various States of the Country particularly in Maharashtra, Union Territory of Dadra Nagar Haveli and Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof State and district-wise; and
- (c) the details of the action taken by the Government along with the proposals under consideration of the Government to improve the connectivity of mobile and internet networks in the said areas?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) In Maharashtra, out of 43,931 villages (as per data of Registrar General of India), 42,605 villages are covered with mobile connectivity and out of these, 42,333 villages have 3G/4G mobile internet connectivity. District wise details of mobile coverage in villages of Maharashtra are at **Annexure-I**.

In Madhya Pradesh, out of 55,058 villages (as per data of Registrar General of India), 53,575 villages are covered with mobile connectivity and out of these, 53,358 villages have 3G/4G mobile internet connectivity. District wise details of mobile coverage in villages of Madhya Pradesh are at **Annexure-II**.

All the 95 villages of Dadra and Nagar Haveli Daman & Diu have 4G Mobile connectivity.

Mobile coverage for any uncovered inhabited villages is provided by the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) based on the techno-commercial viability. Government, through funding from Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN), is implementing various schemes for expansion of telecom connectivity through installation of 4G mobile towers in the rural and remote areas of the country. Till Jun 2025, 21,748 mobile towers have been commissioned in the country under various DBN funded schemes, including 3,804 mobile towers in Maharashtra, Dadra Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu and Madhya Pradesh.

Annexure referred to in reply of part (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2810 answered on 06th August, 2025 raised by Hon'ble Member of Parliament regarding "Poor Connectivity of Mobile and Internet Network in Rural Areas"

District wise details of mobile coverage in villages of Maharashtra:

District	Total villages (as per RGI data)	No. of villages having mobile connectivity	No. of villages having Internet coverage (3G/4G connectivity)
Ahmadnagar	1586	1557	1552
Akola	972	960	953
Amravati	1981	1851	1845
Aurangabad	1361	1356	1350
Bhandara	885	869	859
Bid	1371	1363	1352
Buldana	1438	1408	1403
Chandrapur	1775	1724	1712
Dhule	720	710	707
Gadchiroli	1646	1447	1410
Gondiya	934	898	889
Hingoli	708	705	700
Jalgaon	1524	1503	1502
Jalna	965	965	960
Kolhapur	1250	1213	1210
Latur	943	943	942
Nagpur	1900	1838	1832
Nanded	1663	1638	1626
Nandurbar	960	860	854
Nashik	1928	1836	1834
Osmanabad	739	738	734
Palghar	904	886	886
Parbhani	843	839	835
Pune	1882	1809	1800
Raigarh	2008	1957	1941
Ratnagiri	1538	1402	1394
Sangli	724	720	718
Satara	1771	1711	1709
Sindhudurg	746	697	686
Solapur	1159	1157	1152
Thane	816	805	805
Wardha	1382	1361	1356
Washim	782	780	773
Yavatmal	2127	2099	2052
Total	43,931	42,605	42,333

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District wise details of mobile coverage in villages of Madhya Pradesh:

District	Total villages (as per RGI data)	No. of villages having mobile connectivity	No. of villages having Internet coverage (3G/4G connectivity)
Agar-Malwa	499	497	496
Alirajpur	544	512	509
Anuppur	579	551	548
Ashoknagar	880	870	866
Balaghat	1394	1250	1233
Barwani	707	693	691
Betul	1457	1350	1319
Bhind	939	939	938
Bhopal	514	506	505
Burhanpur	265	259	257
Chhatarpur	1238	1207	1203
Chhindwara	2002	1889	1882
Damoh	1216	1188	1186
Datia	663	661	661
Dewas	1128	1112	1104
Dhar	1561	1545	1542
Dindori	928	807	799
Guna	1333	1330	1330
Gwalior	590	574	573
Harda	550	533	529
Hoshangabad	966	919	912
Indore	621	618	616
Jabalpur	1395	1383	1383
Jhabua	821	820	820
Katni	947	933	933
Khandwa (East Nimar)	718	713	711
Khargone (West Nimar)	1409	1372	1365
Mandla	1247	1160	1142
Mandsaur	951	940	939
Morena	847	824	821
Narsimhapur	1058	1041	1040
Neemuch	808	778	771
Niwari	281	281	280
Panna	1035	986	979
Raisen	1486	1450	1446
Rajgarh	1723	1717	1714
Ratlam	1085	1079	1074
Rewa	2711	2701	2695
Sagar	2025	1984	1978

Satna	1953	1916	1914
Sehore	1082	1062	1061
Seoni	1574	1533	1525
Shahdol	836	812	809
Shajapur	632	632	631
Sheopur	609	545	545
Shivpuri	1355	1338	1338
Sidhi	1055	992	988
Singrauli	761	748	744
Tikamgarh	682	679	678
Ujjain	1107	1107	1106
Umaria	647	604	599
Vidisha	1644	1635	1630
Total	55,058	53,575	53,358
