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MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**LOK SABHA
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RURAL AND NATIONWIDE DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE

4478. SHRI PRADEEP PUROHIT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

that the achievements in rural and nationwide digital infrastructure under PM Modi's tenure in Odisha?

ANSWER

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

Some of the major achievements in rural and nationwide digital infrastructure under Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's tenure are as under:

- (i) The total number of Base Transceiver Stations (BTSs) has increased from 6,49,834 as on 31.03.2014 to 30,37,263 as on 30.06.2025.
- (ii) 5G service, launched in India on 1st October 2022, is presently available in 99.9% of the districts in the country. As on 30.06.2025, 4,86,070 5G BTSs have been installed by the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs).
- (iii) Mobile coverage in villages has improved from 90.68% in 2014 to 97.65% as of May 2025, covering 6,29,027 out of 6,44,131 villages. Additionally, under the BharatNet project, 2.14 lakh Gram Panchayats have been made service-ready.
- (iv) Government is implementing various schemes under 'Digital Bharat Nidhi' Fund for providing telecom services in rural areas of Odisha. Under schemes such as 4G Saturation Scheme, Aspirational Districts scheme and Left Wing Extremism Scheme, as on 30.06.2025, 3113 4G mobile towers have been commissioned in Odisha. Additionally, under the BharatNet project, 6,785 Gram Panchayats have been made service-ready. In addition, TSPs have as on 30.06.2025, installed 13,334 5G BTSs in Odisha.
