

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 515
ANSWERED ON 23RD JULY, 2025**

NEW TELECOM TOWERS IN TAMIL NADU

**515. SHRI C N ANNADURAI:
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of villages in Tamil Nadu where new telecom towers have been installed during the last five years, year and district-wise;
- (b) the number of towers installed under Government schemes such as USOF, BharatNet, or 4G Saturation Scheme in Tamil Nadu;
- (c) whether any villages in Tamil Nadu, particularly in hilly, forested, or tribal areas, still remain without mobile network coverage, if so, the number and names of such uncovered villages as per the latest Government survey and the timeline for providing connectivity to these villages;
- (d) the role of Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) in expanding mobile and internet services in Tamil Nadu;
- (e) the total amount sanctioned and utilised under USOF projects in the State during the last five years; and
- (f) the details of the districts and villages that have benefited from these projects?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (c) The Year wise and District wise details of villages in Tamil Nadu where new telecom towers have been installed in the last five years are available on Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) [erstwhile Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF)] website (<https://usof.gov.in/en/home>). Total 256 number of towers for provisioning of mobile services have been installed under the DBN funded 4G Saturation Scheme in Tamil Nadu. The details of 5 villages that do not have mobile coverage in Tamil Nadu is available on DBN website (<https://usof.gov.in/en/home>).
- (d) Number of Gram Panchayats (GPs) connected under BharatNet project and number of villages connected under 4G Saturation Scheme in Tamil Nadu are available on DBN website (<https://usof.gov.in/en/home>).
- (e) Rs. 1,610.11 crore have been utilized under various schemes funded through DBN during last five years (FY 2020-21 to FY 2024-25) for the State of Tamil Nadu.
- (f) Details of the district and villages beneficated from DBN projects are available on Digital Bharat Nidhi website (<https://usof.gov.in/en/home>).
