

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

**LOK SABHA
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NATIONAL TELECOM POLICY, 2025

**625. DR. PRASHANT YADAORAO PADOLE:
ADV GOWAAL KAGADA PADAVI:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has approved the National Telecom Policy 2025 (NTP-25) which sets direction for universal connectivity, next-gen technologies (5G/6G, satellite, IoT) and manufacturing of telecom equipment and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of licence applications, projects and spectrum allocations scheduled under NTP-25 in Maharashtra, including in remote/tribal districts;
- (c) whether any special allocation or scheme has been formulated to enhance digital connectivity (4G/5G/public Wi-Fi) in tribal/remote areas to ensure inclusion and if, so, the details thereof;
- (d) the steps taken/being taken to incentivise domestic manufacturing of telecom & satellite equipment in backward districts to generate employment locally;
- (e) the monitoring mechanism proposed to be put in place by the Government to track state-wise rollout, quality of service, under-served habitations and fund-utilisation; and
- (f) the timeline by which the Government expects Country's telecom/digital sector to contribute at least 20 per cent of GDP within the next decade, as projected during the India Mobile Congress 2025 (IMC)?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): The National Telecom Policy 2025 (NTP-25) is presently under drafting stage. The NTP-25 is intended to set the intent, and strategic direction for the sector on the basis of which further course of action is planned which can be issue of authorization, sanction of project, etc. at the State or district level.

The draft NTP-25 is expected to cover broad policy themes such as Universal and Meaningful Connectivity, Domestic Manufacturing, Ease of Living and Ease of Doing Business, etc.

Notwithstanding the ongoing formulation of NTP-25, the Government continues to strengthen telecom connectivity-including in remote, rural and tribal areas under various schemes under Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) such as Amended BharatNet Program, 4G saturation of uncovered villages, and projects in Left Wing Extremism affected areas etc. Under various DBN-funded

schemes, in rural areas of Maharashtra 2,644 towers have been planned covering 3,156 villages and to cover all GPs with fiber connectivity.

Further, the Government is promoting domestic manufacturing of telecom and networking equipment, including through the Production Linked Incentive Scheme, to enhance indigenous production and boost the local value-addition ecosystem.

(f): Currently the digital economy contributes about 12–14% of India's GDP, and is expected to rise to around 20% over the next decade, reflecting the increasing role of the telecom and digital sectors in economic growth, depending upon the various macro-economic factors including global economic trends, technology adoption cycles, private sector investments and infrastructure roll-out.
