

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 648  
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**POOR CONNECTIVITY IN TRIBAL AND HILLY REGIONS IN BASTAR DIVISION,  
CHHATTISGARH**

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of steps taken to increase broadband connectivity in rural areas of the country; and
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to accelerate the installation of mobile towers to address the problem of poor connectivity in tribal and hilly regions of the Bastar division of Chhattisgarh?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b) Government is implementing various schemes under Digital Bharat Nidhi for expansion of internet facilities through installation of 4G mobile towers in the rural and remote areas of the country under 4G saturation projects. In addition, BharatNet project is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity such as Wi-Fi Hotspots, Fibre to the Home (FTTH) connections etc. to all the Gram Panchayats (GPs) and villages on demand basis.

Apart from that, Government has taken various steps like launch of Gati Shakti Sanchar Portal and notification of Telecommunication (Right of Way) rules to streamline permissions for installation of telecommunication infrastructure as well as periodic reviews with security dispensation and Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) to accelerate the installation of mobile towers and improve connectivity in the tribal and hilly regions of Bastar Division, Chhattisgarh.

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