

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 678
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EXPANSION OF 4G AND 5G CONNECTIVITY IN NORTH EASTERN STATES

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of 4G and 5G network expansion in the rural and remote areas of Assam and other North Eastern States, especially Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao;
- (b) the steps being taken to address network coverage gaps in hilly and border districts; and
- (c) whether the Government has set any timeline for universal mobile coverage in the region and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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(a) to (c) As of October, 2025, 43,088 villages and 5,606 villages out of a total of 45,934 villages (as per data of Registrar General of India) are covered with 4G and 5G mobile connectivity respectively in the North Eastern States including State of Assam. Further, 2,886 villages and 108 villages out of a total of 3,017 villages are covered with 4G and 5G mobile connectivity respectively in the district of Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao.

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.
