

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 364
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18TH MARCH, 2026**

MOBILE TOWER CONNECTIVITY IN BORDER VILLAGES

***364. SHRI UMMEDA RAM BENIWAL:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps to improve mobile tower connectivity in border villages of Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether similar measures are being implemented in other border States and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN
REGION
(SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)**

(a) and (b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) AND (b) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 364 FOR 18TH MARCH, 2026, REGARDING MOBILE TOWER CONNECTIVITY IN BORDER VILLAGES.

(a) and (b): Mobile coverage for inhabited uncovered villages is provided by Telecom Service Providers based on techno-commercial viability. The Government, with funding from Digital Bharat Nidhi, has approved various schemes for expansion of telecom connectivity through installation of mobile towers in the rural, remote and border areas of the country, including in the State of Rajasthan.

97.28% of villages/locations in the border areas of Rajasthan already have mobile coverage. District-wise details of mobile coverage in villages in the border areas of Rajasthan are at **Annex**.

In addition, the Government has also taken number of other initiatives to enhance mobile connectivity in the country, including in border areas. These include the following:

- (a) Licensing conditions of Telecom Service Providers have been amended to remove restrictions on installation of mobile towers near international border areas.
- (b) The Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024 have been made under the Telecommunications Act, 2023 to enable faster and easier rollout of telecommunication networks and the Gati Shakti Sanchar Portal has been launched to facilitate faster approval to applications for right of way for such networks.

Annex referred to in the reply to parts (a) and (b) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. *364 to be answered on 18th March, 2026, raised by Hon'ble Member of Parliament, regarding Mobile Tower Connectivity in Border Villages.

District-wise mobile coverage details of villages/locations in border areas of Rajasthan

S. no.	District	Total villages / locations in border areas	Villages / locations having mobile coverage (2G/3G/4G)	Uncovered villages / locations	Percentage of villages / locations covered
1	Barmer	183	175	8	95.63
2	Bikaner	52	52	0	100.00
3	Jaisalmer	186	159	27	85.48
4	Sri Ganganagar	901	900	1	99.88
Total		1,322	1,286	36	97.28
