

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

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 470  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026**

**STATUS OF WIRED BROADBAND AND MOBILE INTERNET CONNECTIVITY IN  
RURAL INDIA**

**\*470. SHRI GURMEET SINGH MEET HAYER:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of villages in the country and out of these, the number of villages connected with wired broadband connectivity, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the number of villages connected with mobile internet along with technology-wise break-up of 3G, 4G and 5G connectivity, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the number of villages still without wired broadband and/or mobile internet connectivity along with the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the targets and timelines fixed for achieving universal village connectivity under the Government initiatives?

**ANSWER  
MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN  
REGION  
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- (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 470 FOR 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026 REGARDING “STATUS OF WIRED BROADBAND AND MOBILE INTERNET CONNECTIVITY IN RURAL INDIA.”**

(a) As per data maintained by the Registrar General of India, there are 6,44,131 villages in the country. Under the Government-funded BharatNet project, 2,17,805 Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country have been made service-ready for broadband connectivity. Details for various States and Union Territories (UTs) are at **Annex I**.

(b) to (d) The number of villages connected with mobile internet, along with the breakup in terms of 3G, 4G and 5G technology, State/UT-wise, as on 28.2.2026, is at **Annex II**. Details of major Government-funded initiatives for providing high bandwidth capacity internet/broadband connectivity and mobile services to remote and rural villages in the country that currently lack coverage are as follows:

- (i) BharatNet programme has been approved for provision for broadband connectivity in a phased manner to all Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country. As of February 2026, 2,17,805 GPs have been made service-ready under this programme. Further, the Government has approved the Amended BharatNet Programme (ABP) under a design, build, operate and maintain model to upgrade the existing network created under Phases I and II of BharatNet and to create incremental network for connectivity to the remaining GPs, and to the remaining non-GP villages on an on-demand basis with minimum demand for five home fibre internet connections, operation and on maintenance for 10 years and provision of 1.5 crore home fibre internet connections.
- (ii) Under the Government-funded 4G Saturation Project and other mobile connectivity projects, till February 2026, 24,263 mobile towers have been commissioned in the country.

Annex referred to in the reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. \*470, to be answered on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2026

**State/UT-wise service-ready Gram Panchayats under BharatNet programme**

S. no.	State	Total
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	72
2	Andhra Pradesh	12,955
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1,124
4	Assam	1,507
5	Bihar	8,340
6	Chandigarh	12
7	Chhattisgarh	9,695
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	38
9	Goa	0
10	Gujarat	14,320
11	Haryana	6,082
12	Himachal Pradesh	790
13	Jammu and Kashmir	1,130
14	Jharkhand	4,390
15	Karnataka	6,084
16	Kerala	978
17	Ladakh	193
18	Lakshadweep	9
19	Madhya Pradesh	18,907
20	Maharashtra	24,575
21	Manipur	1,475
22	Meghalaya	698
23	Mizoram	540
24	Nagaland	236
25	Odisha	6,785
26	Puducherry	98
27	Punjab	12,673
28	Rajasthan	8,776
29	Sikkim	35
30	Tamil Nadu	10,886
31	Telangana	10,833
32	Tripura	740
33	Uttar Pradesh	47,553
34	Uttarakhand	2,599
35	West Bengal	2,677
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,17,805</b>

Annexure referred to in the reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. \*470, to be answered on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026

State/UT-wise mobile coverage status, as on 28.2.2026

S. no.	State/UT	Total villages	Mobile covered villages	Mobile uncovered villages	Number of villages having 2G coverage	Number of villages having 3G coverage	Number of villages having 4G coverage	Number of villages under 5G brought services
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	559	432	127	359	85	335	35
2	Andhra Pradesh	17,328	16,946	382	14,722	215	16,708	8,530
3	Arunachal Pradesh	5,993	4,817	1,176	4,523	571	4,367	600
4	Assam	26,429	26,266	163	25,152	6,699	26,182	3,718
5	Bihar	44,888	44,845	43	44,703	1,440	44,832	42,902
6	Chandigarh	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
7	Chhattisgarh	20,072	19,320	752	16,351	780	19,150	9,127
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	95	95	-	95	-	95	94
9	Delhi	55	55	-	55	53	55	55
10	Goa	392	355	37	327	132	345	309
11	Gujarat	18,425	18,213	212	16,793	1,774	18,206	15,707
12	Haryana	6,640	6,639	1	6,632	912	6,638	6,426
13	Himachal Pradesh	20,852	20,348	504	19,649	3,103	20,139	11,261
14	Jammu and Kashmir	6,474	6,226	248	6,030	530	6,208	3,704
15	Jharkhand	32,370	32,068	302	30,789	794	32,012	19,241
16	Karnataka	29,818	29,360	458	28,604	991	29,239	19,633
17	Kerala	1,438	1,438	-	1,438	778	1,438	1,357
18	Ladakh	243	233	10	179	78	229	22
19	Lakshadweep	27	27	-	25	25	25	5
20	Madhya Pradesh	55,058	54,128	930	46,956	321	54,043	28,030
21	Maharashtra	43,931	43,063	868	38,828	10,300	42,785	30,662
22	Manipur	2,612	2,423	189	2,210	378	2,414	718
23	Meghalaya	7,100	6,959	141	5,808	254	6,954	341
24	Mizoram	867	815	52	674	48	813	74
25	Nagaland	1,535	1,428	107	1,088	122	1,411	280
26	Odisha	51,176	49,999	1,177	43,290	1,343	49,491	2,998
27	Puducherry	96	96	-	96	85	96	96

28	Punjab	12,534	12,532	2	12,529	3,787	12,494	11,666
29	Rajasthan	46,077	45,555	522	44,390	3,615	45,393	23,263
30	Sikkim	461	455	6	443	16	443	349
31	Tamil Nadu	16,488	16,485	3	16,176	3,954	16,452	9,377
32	Telangana	10,203	9,976	227	9,790	1,899	9,864	1,945
33	Tripura	937	930	7	870	97	929	353
34	Uttar Pradesh	1,05,531	1,05,495	36	105,364	19,341	105,343	78,542
35	Uttarakhand	16,456	16,399	57	16,145	1,612	16,305	4,729
36	West Bengal	40,971	40,962	9	40,798	2,505	40,959	31,007
<b>Total</b>		<b>6,44,131</b>	<b>6,35,383</b>	<b>8,748</b>	<b>6,01,881</b>	<b>68,637</b>	<b>6,32,392</b>	<b>3,67,156</b>

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