

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1861
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH FEBRUARY, 2026**

MOBILE TOWERS IN RURAL, REMOTE AND TRIBAL AREAS OF TAMIL NADU

**1861. SHRI SELVAM G:
SHRI NAVASKANI K:
SHRI C N ANNADURAI:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has commissioned mobile towers in rural, remote and tribal areas of Tamil Nadu through Digital Bharat Nidhi and if so, the district-wise and block-wise details thereof during the last five years;
- (b) whether several habitations in tribal and hilly regions of Tamil Nadu continue to suffer from poor or no mobile connectivity despite allocation of funds under the said Nidhi and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any independent assessment has been conducted to evaluate the actual improvement in voice and data services after commissioning of such towers and if so, the findings thereof; and
- (d) the corrective steps taken to ensure timely completion, optimal utilization of infrastructure and reliable mobile services for tribal communities in the State?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Government has commissioned mobile towers in rural, remote and tribal areas of country through Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) including in Tamil Nadu. Number of commissioned mobile towers during last five years in Tamil Nadu is available on DBN website (<https://usof.gov.in/en/home>).
- (b) Out of 248 tribal villages in Tamil Nadu, 246 villages are having mobile coverage.
- (c) After commissioning of towers through DBN, a third-party assessment is carried out to verify the conformity with the specifications.
- (d) For timely completion of mobile projects, the Government takes up with various central/state agencies on regular basis.
