

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1887  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2026**

**TOWER COMMISSIONING IN NAXAL-AFFECTED BELT OF JAMUI**

**1887. SHRI ARUN BHARTI:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has approved/sanctioned 4G towers for the shadow zones in Chakai and Sono blocks of Jamui district during FY 2025–26 under the USOF 4G Saturation Project and if so, village-wise status and timeline;
- (b) the physical and financial progress of tower commissioning in the Naxal-affected belts of Jamui as on 1 January, 2026;
- (c) whether funds have been released and utilised by BSNL for infrastructure upgrades in Jamui during FY 2025–26 and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether shortfall has been identified in fiber backhaul connectivity to these remote towers and if so, the remedial timeline; and
- (e) whether new approvals have been proposed for 5G testing sites in Jamui town in FY 2026–27 and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) Government through Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) has undertaken several projects to provide 4G mobile services to the uncovered villages across the country, including the villages/locations in Jamui district of Bihar.

Under the DBN funded mobile projects, after physical survey undertaken by the implementing agencies, out of 94 villages/locations planned, 89 villages/locations have been covered with 4G mobile services in the Jamui district as on 31.12.2025. The list is available on DBN website (<https://usof.gov.in/en/home>)

Further, as on 01.01.2026, a total amount of Rs. 514.74 crore has been utilized under the DBN mobile projects in Bihar, including Rs. 21.48 crore during financial year 2025-26. Rs. 19.38 crore was utilized by BSNL from DBN funds in Bihar during financial year 2025-26.

(d) No shortfall has been reported by implementing agencies in backhaul connectivity to the towers commissioned under DBN projects in Jamui district.

(e) 5G mobile services are rolled out by the telecom service providers on their respective techno-commercial consideration.

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