

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2057
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH FEBRUARY, 2026**

NETWORK CONNECTIVITY IN BIHAR

†2057. **SHRI ABHAY KUMAR SINHA:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Panchayats in the State of Bihar connected with mobile towers and reliable network connectivity under the Digital India Programme so far;
- (b) the total number of such Panchayats identified in Bihar between the years 2022 to 2025 where mobile towers or minimum network facilities are still not available;
- (c) whether access to education, health banking and e-governance services is being obstructed in rural areas due to the lack of mobile network; and
- (d) whether any effective mobile tower has not been established so far in Chhakarbanda Panchayat under Dumaria Block of Aurangabad Lok Sabha Constituency and if so, the timeline fixed for establishing a mobile tower there?

ANSWER

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

- (a) As of December 2025, 44,837 villages are covered with 4G mobile connectivity in Bihar.
- (b) to (d) To enable access to education, health, banking, e-governance and other services in uncovered remote & rural areas of the country, a number of Government funded steps & projects have been taken for providing high bandwidth capacity internet/broadband connectivity and mobile services. As of December-2025, under 4G Saturation and other mobile projects, out of the planned 409 mobile towers, 384 mobile towers have been commissioned covering 474 villages/location in Bihar, including Chhakarbanda. Further, under BharatNet project, 8340 Gram Panchayats (GPs) have been made service ready for broadband connectivity in Bihar. Also, Amended BharatNet Program (ABP) is under implementation for up-gradation of existing network of BharatNet, creation of network in balance GPs and connectivity to remaining non-GP villages on demand basis.
