

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4254  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026**

**AVERAGE PER CAPITAL INTERNET DATA CONSUMPTION**

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of average per capital internet data consumption in developed countries of the world and the manner in which it is likely to be compared with India;
- (b) whether it is true that India would be one of the top three countries in the world in internet usage by 2027 and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the manner in which India's internet quality can be compared with other developed countries; and
- (d) the details of 5G penetration in the country so far, State-wise along with the number of people are now using 5G?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
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- (a) As on December 2025, average wireless data usage per wireless data subscriber per month for India is 25.70 GB compared to average monthly mobile broadband traffic of 17.9 GB (as per International Telecommunication Union (ITU) estimates, 2025) per subscriber in high-income countries.
- (b) As of December 2025, India had 1.02 billion internet subscribers. According to these figures, India is among the top three countries in the world in terms of internet users count.
- (c) In 2023, Government had notified a revised definition of Broadband speed i.e. > 2Mbps, up from the earlier definition of 256 kbps. As on December 2025, out of a total 1028.61 million internet subscribers, 97.94% are broadband subscribers. India's internet quality has improved significantly in recent years. According to Ookla's Speedtest Global Index data for January 2026, median download speed for mobile broadband in India is 130.24 Mbps. Compared to this, median mobile broadband download speed on global basis is 107.13 Mbps.

To improve quality of service further, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) had released revised Quality of Service (QoS) regulations in 2024, introducing tighter benchmarks for parameters like latency and packet drop rate, along with new parameters such as jitter and significant network outage reporting, aligning India's QoS framework with global standards. The regulations also mandate graded financial disincentives for non-compliance. Service providers have been asked to adopt Six Sigma Quality Management Plan to achieve continuous improvement in the quality of services.

- (d) As on 28.02.2026, the total count of 5G BTSs in India is 5,23,866. The State-wise count of 5G BTSs and 5G wireless data subscribers (October 2025) is attached as **annexure-I**. Licensed Service Area (LSA)-wise percentage population covered by 5G as on 31-12-2025 is also attached in **annexure-II**.

**Annexure referred to reply to part (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question no. 4254 answered on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026 regarding “Average Per Capital Internet Data Consumption”**

State/UT wise count of 5G BTSs as on 28.02.2026 and 5G wireless data subscribers count (October 2025):

<b>State/UTs</b>	<b>Count of 5G BTS</b>	<b>5G wireless data subscribers count</b>
Andhra Pradesh	20,913	1,50,29,394
Arunachal Pradesh	709	5,43,166
Assam	10,147	82,63,259
Bihar	27,938	2,50,53,716
Chhattisgarh	7,300	64,41,085
Goa	1,089	6,99,781
Gujarat	35,980	2,31,65,163
Haryana	19,064	1,09,91,710
Himachal Pradesh	4,662	25,97,581
Jharkhand	10,621	89,47,953
Karnataka	34,444	2,33,90,833
Kerala	21,968	97,55,318
Madhya Pradesh	22,473	1,81,84,614
Maharashtra	54,815	4,50,84,345
Manipur	1,355	8,28,374
Meghalaya	896	7,14,914
Mizoram	506	3,88,067
Nagaland	821	5,18,557
Odisha	14,479	1,07,47,949
Punjab	17,989	97,81,667
Rajasthan	31,343	2,06,70,453
Sikkim	358	2,47,629
Tamil Nadu	37,855	2,22,31,525
Telangana	19,798	1,38,23,690

Tripura	1,401	8,71,267
Uttar Pradesh	60,637	5,02,48,202
Uttarakhand	6,106	36,23,827
West Bengal	34,164	2,42,31,931
Andaman & Nicobar (UT)	142	97,266
Chandigarh (UT)	814	7,17,829
Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu	454	2,70,275
Delhi	13,785	1,27,81,190
Jammu & Kashmir	7,863	45,61,358
Ladakh (UT)	299	11,668
Lakshadweep (UT)	8	4,396
Puducherry (UT)	670	3,99,034
<b>All-india</b>	<b>5,23,866</b>	<b>37,60,24,986</b>

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LSA-wise Percentage (%) Population covered by 5G network as on 31-12-2025:

<b>Name of LSA</b>	<b>% of population covered by 5G network</b>
Andhra Pradesh	87.43
Assam	77.72
Bihar	94.52
Delhi	100
Gujarat	94.87
Haryana	99.52
Himachal Pradesh	70
Jammu & Kashmir	78.28
Karnataka	79.92
Kerala	97.54
Kolkata	100
Madhya Pradesh	68.71
Maharashtra	88.35
Mumbai	100
North-East	52.72
Odisha	78.29
Punjab	97.48
Rajasthan	77.63
Tamil Nadu	88.1
UP (East)	83.97
UP (West)	86.53
West Bengal	88.98
<b>All-India</b>	<b>86.18</b>

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