

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5291  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026**

**TELECOM INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT FUND (TIDF)**

**5291. SHRI RAMASAHAYAM RAGHURAM REDDY:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Telecom Infrastructure Development Fund (TIDF) has been utilized effectively to enhance telecom infrastructure, particularly in remote and hilly regions;
- (b) whether there have been any discrepancies or delays in fund allocation for key projects under this scheme;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken to ensure timely and efficient use of funds for infrastructure development?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d) The Department does not have Telecom Infrastructure Development Fund (TIDF) to enhance telecom infrastructure, particularly in remote and hilly regions. However, as per the Telecommunication Act, 2023, the Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) has the mandate to support universal service by promoting access and delivery of telecommunication service in underserved rural, remote and urban areas of the country.

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