

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5299
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH MARCH, 2026**

TELECOM BLACK SPOTS ON NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

5299. DR. SAMBIT PATRA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study to detect the number of telecom black spots on National Highways where mobile networks are missing and if so, the details thereof, State-wise/UT-wise; and
- (b) the measures undertaken by the Government to resolve the issue of telecom black spots on National Highways?

ANSWER

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

- (a) No specific study for identifying mobile coverage gaps along National Highways across the country has been done by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT). However, in a specific case, National Highways Authority of India has reported few cases of mobile coverage gaps in the country. Upon which, 135 blackout locations along National Highways have been identified by DoT field units. State-wise details are attached as **Annexure-I**.
- (b) Government through Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) had undertaken several mobile projects for provision of mobile coverage to the uncovered villages across the country and also along the National Highways across the North Eastern States (Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura) and union territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. 333 mobile towers have been commissioned for provision of mobile services along the National Highways across the North Eastern States and union territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Annexure-I

S.N.	Name of State	No. of Blackout stretches identified by DoT field units
1	Andhra Pradesh	22
2	Assam	3
3	Bihar	0
4	Chhattisgarh	0
5	Gujarat	4
6	Himachal Pradesh	3
7	Jharkhand	5
8	Karnataka	36
9	Madhya Pradesh	7
10	Maharashtra	6
11	Meghalaya	4
12	Odisha	6
13	Rajasthan	23
14	Tamil Nadu	3
15	Telangana	8
16	Uttar Pradesh	2
17	Uttarakhand	3
Total		135
