

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5480
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH MARCH, 2026**

4G SATURATION PROJECT

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total number of mobile towers installed till date under the 4G saturation project in the current financial year 2026 in the country especially in Maharashtra;
- (b) the details of districts of Maharashtra where rural and remote villages have been recently connected through the said towers, district-wise;
- (c) the details of progress made in expanding telecom services in aspirational districts under the Digital India initiative; and
- (d) the details of various States including Maharashtra in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) As on 28.02.2026, 14,301 mobile towers have been installed under 4G Saturation project in the country including 2,297 towers in the State of Maharashtra. In the current financial year 2025-26, 3,623 towers have been installed under 4G Saturation project in the country including 533 towers in the State of Maharashtra. District-wise number of towers on-air and villages covered through these towers is available on Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) website (<https://usof.gov.in/en/home>) as Annexure-I.

(c) & (d) BharatNet program is mandated to provide broadband connectivity to all the Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country including the aspirational districts in a phased manner. The infrastructure created under the project is a national asset, accessible on a non-discriminatory basis to the service providers, and the same can be utilized to provide broadband services, such as fiber to the home connections, leased lines, dark fiber, backhaul to mobile towers, etc. in the rural areas. A total of 2,17,805 GPs have been made service ready under the BharatNet program across the country till 28.02.2026, including 24,575 GPs in the State of Maharashtra. State-wise number of GPs made service ready as on 28.02.2026 is available on DBN website (<https://usof.gov.in/en/home>) as Annexure-II.

Further, as on 28.02.2026, 6,32,392 of the 6,44,131 villages in the country (as per data of Registrar General of India of November 2019) are covered by 4G mobile services. State-wise number of 4G covered villages as on 28.02.2026 is available on DBN website (<https://usof.gov.in/en/home>) as Annexure-III.
