

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6019
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01ST APRIL, 2026**

TELECOM INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS

6019. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of telecom infrastructure works completed or sanctioned since 2019 (towers, fibre kms, BharatNet, PM-WANI) in West Bengal, district and year-wise;
- (b) the details and the number of USOF-funded towers sanctioned/installed in each district since 2019; and
- (c) the timeline and plan for achieving full 5G coverage in West Bengal?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Mobile towers are installed by Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) / Infrastructure Providers-I (IPs-I) as per the techno-commercial arrangement and conditions of licenses/registrations granted by Department of Telecommunications (DoT). Total Number of towers installed in West Bengal as on 28.02.2026 is 53,902 (**Annexure-I**). Further, under the various schemes of Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN), DoT has planned for installation of 212 towers across various districts in West Bengal, out of which 118 towers have been already installed (**Annexure-II**).

BharatNet project is being implemented by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) through Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity in Gram Panchayats/ Villages across the country. As of February 2026, under the BharatNet project, 13,222 km of Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) has been laid in West Bengal. Further, under the framework of the PM-WANI (Prime Minister's Wi-Fi Access Network Interface) which was launched on 09.12.2020, a total number of 4209 (**Annexure-III**) Wi-Fi Hotspots have been deployed across various districts in West Bengal till 27.03.2026.

(c) 5G networks have been rolled out in all States/ UTs across the country and presently 5G services are available in 99.9% of districts in the country. As on 28th February 2026, 5.23 lakh 5G Base Transceiver Stations (BTSS) have been installed in the country. Further, as on 28.02.2026, 34164 5G Base Transceiver Stations (BTSS) have been installed (**Annexure-IV**) and 31007 Number of Villages has been covered under 5G Services in various district of West Bengal (**Annexure-V**).

District wise towers in West Bengal State as on 28.02.2026

Name of State	District	Count of Tower
West Bengal	Alipurduar	670
	Bankura	1914
	Birbhum	1948
	Cooch Behar	1289
	Dakshin Dinajpur	715
	Darjeeling	1164
	Hooghly	3330
	Howrah	3295
	Jalpaiguri	1189
	Jhargram	528
	Kalimpong	223
	Kolkata	6385
	Malda	1687
	Murshidabad	3347
	Nadia	2874
	North 24 Parganas	7301
	Paschim Bardhaman	1719
	Paschim Medinipur	2327
	Purba Bardhaman	2444
	Purba Medinipur	2282
Purulia	1258	
South 24 Parganas	4656	
Uttar Dinajpur	1357	
Total	53902	

District-wise towers planned and installed in West Bengal

S. No	District	Tower Planned	Towers installed				Grand Total
			2020	2024	2025	2026	
1	Alipurduar	22			4		4
2	Bankura	10		1	8	1	10
3	Darjeeling	23			3		3
4	Jalpaiguri	16		5	2	1	8
5	Jhargram	12		2			2
6	Kalimpong	31		2	3		5
7	Murshidabad	1	1				1
8	Purulia	53		1	36	9	46
9	South 24 parganas	1					
10	Uttar dinajpur	2		2			2
11	W. Medinipur	41		4	33		37
Total		212	1	17	89	11	118

*Note-No tower installed in years 2021, 2022 and 2023

ANNEXURE-III**District wise Wi-Fi Hotspots under PM-WANI in West Bengal State as on 27.03.2026**

S.No	Districts	No. of Wi-Fi Hotspots
1	Alipurduar	29
2	Bankura	168
3	Birbhum	126
4	Cooch Behar	115
5	Dakshin Dinajpur	63
6	Darjeeling	122
7	Hooghly	207
8	Howrah	313
9	Jalpaiguri	111
10	Jhargram	9
11	Kalimpong	1
12	Kolkata	1109
13	Malda	87
14	Murshidabad	167
15	Nadia	172
16	North 24 Parganas	159
17	Paschim Bardhaman	188
18	Paschim Medinipur	349
19	Purba Bardhaman	273
20	Purba Medinipur	139
21	Purulia	118
22	South 24 Parganas	123
23	Uttar Dinajpur	61
	Total	4209

District wise 5G BTS in West Bengal State as on 28.02.2026

Name of State	District	Number of 5G BTS
West Bengal	Hooghly	2348
	Howrah	2533
	Kolkata	4060
	Nadia	1849
	North 24 Parganas	5532
	South 24 Parganas	3454
	Paschim Bardhaman	1352
	Purba Bardhaman	1289
	Dakshin Dinajpur	298
	Uttar Dinajpur	680
	Bankura	629
	Murshidabad	1985
	Cooch Behar	673
	Darjeeling	731
	Alipurduar	394
	Jalpaiguri	771
	Jhargram	220
	Paschim Medinipur	1066
	Purba Medinipur	1584
	Malda	1111
	Purulia	638
	Kalimpong	84
	Birbhum	883
	Total	34164

District wise 5G mobile coverage status in West Bengal

Name of State	Name of District	Number of villages covered services
West Bengal	Alipurduar	276
	Bankura	2085
	Birbhum	1916
	Cooch Behar	819
	Dakshin Dinajpur	792
	Darjeeling	523
	Hooghly	1888
	Howrah	784
	Jalpaiguri	342
	Jhargram	1657
	Kalimpong	83
	Malda	1241
	Murshidabad	2011
	Nadia	1231
	North 24 Parganas	1597
	Paschim Bardhaman	383
	Paschim Medinipur	3800
	Purba Bardhaman	1849
	Purba Medinipur	2867
	Purulia	1729
South 24 Parganas	2061	
Uttar Dinajpur	1073	
Total	31007	
