

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6069
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01ST APRIL, 2026**

RURAL DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY

6069. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the present level of internet and digital connectivity in rural areas of Andhra Pradesh including district-wise data on subscriber base, broadband density, mobile and fibre coverage and data consumption;
- (b) the details of the year-wise growth in rural internet and broadband subscribers in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;
- (c) the details of the funds allocated, sanctioned, released and utilised for strengthening rural digital connectivity in Andhra Pradesh during the last five years, district-wise including Nellore district;
- (d) the details of the indicators and benchmarks used by the Government to assess progress towards universal rural connectivity in the country especially in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (e) whether the Government has identified and prioritised key rural infrastructure for connectivity in villages of the country and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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- (a) As on 31.12.2025, total telecom subscribers count in rural areas of Andhra Pradesh is 24.12 million. Rural broadband density is 54.39%. Out of a total of 17,328 villages in Andhra Pradesh, 16,944 are covered by mobile networks whereas fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) connectivity is available in 12,817 villages. Total wireless data usage in the state is 8,44,992 Tera Bytes. Telecom subscription and data consumption information is maintained Licensed Service Area (LSA)/ State-UT wise only. The district-wise details of mobile and FTTH village coverage in the State are attached as **Annexure-I**.
- (b) The details of year-wise growth in rural internet and broadband subscriptions in the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years are as below:

Subscribers count in million and their growth percentage						
	As on 31.03.2023	Growth %	As on 31.03.2024	Growth %	As on 31.03.2025	Growth %
Internet	16.79	6.33	17.89	6.55	17.97	0.45
Broadband	16.10	7.98	17.29	7.39	17.52	1.33

(c) Government has disbursed Rs. 2,404.08 crore during the last five financial years (2020-21 to 2024-25) under Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) to provide telecom services in rural and remote areas of Andhra Pradesh including in Nellore district.

(d) Government assesses progress made towards universal rural connectivity in the country including in Andhra Pradesh through various parameters such as mobile connectivity, internet and broadband subscription data and tele-density.

(e) Government has initiated a number of key rural infrastructure projects for improving telecom connectivity in the villages with funding from DBN. These include projects related to mobile networks and broadband connectivity through BharatNet. Through these projects, 23,994 mobile towers have been commissioned and 2,14,921 Gram Panchayats have been made service ready till January 2026.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question no. 6069 answered on 1st April 2026 regarding “Rural Digital Connectivity”

District wise count of villages with Mobile and FTTH coverage in Andhra Pradesh as on 28.02.2026:

S.No.	District	Total villages count	Mobile covered villages	FTTH covered villages
1	Alluri Sitharama Raju	3,295	3,016	977
2	Anakapalli	711	711	660
3	Anantapur	498	498	444
4	Annamayya	462	459	298
5	Bapatla	276	276	271
6	Chittoor	794	791	499
7	East Godavari	268	268	262
8	Eluru	678	662	596
9	Guntur	209	209	202
10	Kakinada	402	398	383
11	Konaseema	310	310	308
12	Krishna	489	489	462
13	Kurnool	448	448	400
14	Nandyal	447	439	391
15	Ntr	298	298	290
16	Palnadu	360	360	317
17	Parvathipuram Manyam	955	912	618
18	Prakasam	848	826	752
19	Sri Potti Sriramulu Nellore	713	712	619
20	Sri Sathya Sai	450	447	402
21	Srikakulam	1,411	1,411	1,384
22	Tirupati	1,007	1,006	612
23	Visakhapatnam	87	87	87

24	Vizianagaram	959	959	774
25	West Godavari	273	273	266
26	YSR Kadapa	680	679	543
	Andhra Pradesh State	17,328	16,944	12,817
