

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 885  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2026**

**DIGITAL BHARAT NIDHI (DBN) FUNDED MOBILE CONNECTIVITY IN TAMIL NADU**

**885. SHRI C N ANNADURAI:  
SHRI SELVAM G:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of number of villages in Tamil Nadu that currently have 4G mobile coverage;
- (b) the details of towers commissioned in Tamil Nadu under the Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN)-funded mobile connectivity schemes and the number of villages benefiting from these installations;
- (c) the current status of the BharatNet project in Tamil Nadu, including the number of Gram Panchayats made service-ready for broadband connectivity as on date;
- (d) whether the Government has proposed to upgrade the existing BharatNet network and extend fibre connectivity to non-Gram Panchayat villages in Tamil Nadu under the Amended BharatNet Programme; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to ensure 100% mobile and broadband coverage in all villages of Tamil Nadu, including remote and hilly regions?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) As of December-2025, 16,452 villages have been covered with 4G mobile services in Tamil Nadu.
- (b) to (e) The DBN funded project for saturation of 4G mobile services for providing 4G mobile services in uncovered villages in remote and hilly regions of the country, including Tamil Nadu is under implementation. Under this, 4G Saturation Scheme, till Dec-2025, 255 mobile towers have been commissioned in Tamil Nadu covering 297 villages.

BharatNet project is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all the Gram Panchayats (GPs) and villages in the country, including Tamil Nadu. As of Dec-2025; 10,869 GPs have been made service ready under BharatNet project in Tamil Nadu. Further, Amended BharatNet Program (ABP), approved by the Government on 04.08.2023, is under implementation for up-gradation of existing network of BharatNet Phase-I and Phase-II, creation of network in balance GPs and connectivity to remaining non-GP villages on demand basis from their respective GPs.

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