

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1639
ANSWERED ON 29TH JULY, 2026**

MOBILE NETWORK/INTERNET SERVICES

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that mobile network and internet services are not satisfactory in the rural and bordering areas of Bihar particularly of Sheohar and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details and number of 4G/5G mobile towers installed in Bihar and Sheohar district during the last five years, year-wise;
- (c) the details and number of projects sanctioned, completed and currently ongoing under the Digital Bharat Nidhi and other Central schemes for the expansion of mobile network and broadband in Bihar and Sheohar;
- (d) whether the Government has identified villages with no network coverage or poor network connectivity and if so, the number thereof and the tentative timeline to cover them; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to install additional mobile towers and upgrade telecom infrastructure in the bordering areas of Bihar including those of Sheohar and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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- (a) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) monitors the performance of service providers against the benchmark of various Quality of Service parameters, as prescribed in Quality of Service (QoS) Regulation. As per Performance Monitoring Report published by TRAI for the month of May 2026 for mobile services, all the service providers are meeting the benchmark of all network related QoS parameters in Bihar License Service Area which includes Sheohar District.
- (b) The details of 4G/5G mobile towers installed in Bihar and Sheohar district are as follows:

Name of State/District	Financial Year				
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27 (upto 30.06.2026)
Bihar	10,305	22,836	4,976	12,150	2,430
Sheohar (District)	47	100	31	70	23

- (c) to (e) Mobile coverage in uncovered villages of Bihar is provided through various schemes under Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) such as 354 uncovered border and priority villages, 502 uncovered villages of Aspirational District, Left Wing Extremism (LWE) Phase-I upgradation, LWE Phase-II and 4G Saturation projects. No villages of Sheohar district have been planned under DBN mobile projects.

As on 30.06.2026, 481 villages/locations have been covered with 4G by installation of 388 towers in Bihar under various DBN funded Mobile projects.
