

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1720
ANSWERED ON 29TH JULY, 2026**

NETWORK COVERAGE PROBLEMS IN BHIWANDI

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether citizens and industries in Bhiwandi city of Thane district in Maharashtra are facing severe hardships due to communication-related issues, such as weak network coverage, frequent call drops and sluggish broadband and mobile internet speeds in congested industrial and warehousing clusters; and
- (b) if so, the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to rectify these communication bottlenecks?

ANSWER

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

- (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 Maharashtra License Service Area which includes Bhiwandi of Thane District.
- (b) Government through Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) has undertaken several projects for provision of 4G mobile services in identified uncovered villages/ locations across the country including Thane district of Maharashtra. As on 30.06.2026, 63 towers have been made on air providing 4G mobile coverage to 74 villages of Thane district in Maharashtra under DBN mobile projects.
