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Ttile: Need to install a 3 G mobile tower at Thadagam in Villupuram district, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI V. ELUMALAI (ARANI): The villages of Thadagam, Pothuvai, Sethavarai, Sapettai, Nallanpillaipetral under Gingee Taulk in Villupuram District, Tamil Nadu are deprived of communication facilities. There are 25 village panchayats with more than one lakh population. There is no mobile tower for the benefit of the villagers. One BSNL telephone exchange is existing in Nallanpillaipetral Village, but it is not used either for landline or for mobile connectivity. This does not work due to signal and connectivity problems.

These villages are located in the hilly area and the villagers are mainly farmers. There is no telephone connectivity. These farmers are not able to take advantage of various information being passed on to the farmers through mobile phones.

These villagers are struggling to make contact in cases of emergency. Moreover, these villages come under my constituency, Arani. So, I am personally aware of the problems being faced by the villagers.

Therefore, it is very necessary to install a 3G tower at Thadagam village, which is at the top of the hill. Though we are speaking of 5G services, still there are many villages in our country, including my constituency, which do not have proper 3G connectivity.

Therefore, I urge upon the hon. Minister to look into this matter and direct the authority concerned to install a 3G tower at Thadagam at the earliest. Thank you Madam.

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