

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2523  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2022**

**POOR MOBILE NETWORK**

†2523. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise details of poor mobile network in the country;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to streamline the mobile network in forest areas;
- (c) whether the concrete steps have been taken to solve the network problem in the forest area of Valmiki Nagar Lok Sabha constituency;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS  
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)**

- (a) As per data provided by Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) and field units of Department of Telecommunications (DoT) as on December 2020, it is estimated that about 5,72,551 villages out of 5,97,618 inhabited census villages (as per Census - 2011) of the country have mobile network coverage and 25,067 inhabited villages do not have mobile network coverage. State/ Union Territory -wise details are given at **Annexure-I**.
- (b) The Government through various schemes/projects under Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) is providing telecommunication services in uncovered inhabited villages including inhabited villages in forest areas of the country in a phased manner. Further, Department of Telecommunications regularly takes up clearance of pending Right of Way (RoW) applications with various Ministries, including Ministry of Environment & Forests, and State Governments.
- (c) & (d) Five Base Transceiver Stations (BTSs) have been commissioned from December-2020 to January-2021, under USOF schemes to provide 4G coverage in eight villages namely Sitalbari, Rupwaliya, Gardi, Bairiya, Kalan, Barwa Dih, Majurha & Naurangia of Ramnagar Block in West Champaran District of Valmiki Nagar Lok Sabha constituency. Moreover, TSPs install mobile towers and BTSs to improve coverage and capacity of their networks based on their techno-commercial requirements from time to time.
- (e) Does not arise in view of above.

## ANNEXURE-I

Annexure referred to in reply of para (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2523 to be answered on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 raised by Hon'ble Member of Parliament Shri Sunil Kumar, regarding "Poor Mobile Network".

State/Union Territory - wise list of number of inhabited villages without mobile connectivity

S. No.	State/Union Territory	No. of inhabited villages as per Census 2011 without mobile connectivity
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	151
2	Andhra Pradesh	1787
3	Arunachal Pradesh	2223
4	Assam	616
5	Bihar	245
6	Chhattisgarh	1847
7	Goa	28
8	Gujarat	512
9	Himachal Pradesh	383
10	Jammu & Kashmir	154
11	Jharkhand	1144
12	Karnataka	441
13	Ladakh	64
14	Lakshadweep	1
15	Madhya Pradesh	2612
16	Maharashtra	2328
17	Manipur	463
18	Meghalaya	1674
19	Mizoram	206
20	Nagaland	144
21	Odisha	6099
22	Rajasthan	941
23	Sikkim	10
24	Tamil Nadu	49
25	Telangana	153
26	Tripura	31
27	Uttar Pradesh	327
28	Uttarakhand	426
29	West Bengal	8
	<b>Total</b>	<b>25067</b>

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