

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 481
ANSWERED ON 3RD DECEMBER, 2025**

MOBILE NETWORK CONNECTIVITY IN BARGARH AND JHARSUGUDA, ODISHA

481. SHRI PRADEEP PUROHIT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that several areas in the districts of Bargarh and Jharsuguda in Odisha continue to face poor mobile network connectivity, affecting communication, education, health services and emergency response systems and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has received any proposals from the BSNL or telecom service providers for approval of new mobile towers in uncovered and weak-signal locations in these districts and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the number of mobile towers approved, installed and proposed in these districts during the last three years, district-wise and scheme-wise (including USOF schemes);
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up additional mobile towers under 4G Saturation Project, BharatNet, or any other central schemes to ensure 100% mobile coverage in these districts and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the timeframe by which the Government aims to resolve network gaps and ensure reliable telecom connectivity in all rural and remote villages of said districts?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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(a) to (e) As of October 2025, out of 1,549 villages (as per data of Registrar General of India) in Bargarh and Jharsuguda district in Odisha, 1,545 villages are covered with mobile connectivity and 1,528 villages are covered with 4G mobile connectivity.

Mobile coverage for any uncovered inhabited villages is provided by the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) based on the techno-commercial viability. Government, through funding from Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN), is implementing various schemes for expansion of telecom connectivity through installation of 4G mobile towers in the rural and remote areas of the country.

The Department examines requests received from various quarters for the installation of mobile towers in uncovered villages in accordance with the extant procedures. Eligible locations are progressively considered for inclusion under the Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) schemes for 4G coverage from time to time.

A total of 9 towers in Bargarh and 3 towers in Jharsuguda district have been commissioned under various Digital Bharat Nidhi funded 4G mobile schemes.
