

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 690
ANSWERED ON 3RD DECEMBER, 2025**

GLOBAL MOBILE PERSONAL COMMUNICATION BY SATELLITE (GMPCS)

**690. SHRI BIBHU PRASAD TARAI:
SHRI PRAVEEN PATEL:
SHRI YADUVEER WADIYAR:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Company Starlink has filed an application for a GMPCS (Global Mobile Personal Communication by Satellite) license to operate in India and if so, the status thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has granted Starlink a license to provide satellite-based internet services in the country to enhance rural connectivity and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether such public-private satellite partnerships proposed to be scaled to promote equitable access to digital services and bridge the digital divide and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Department of Telecommunications (DoT) granted Unified License (UL) with authorizations for Global Mobile Personal Communication by Satellite (GMPCS) service, Commercial VSAT CUG service, and Internet Service Provider (ISP) 'A' service to M/s Starlink Satellite Communications Private Limited on 06.06.2025, after it agreed to comply with the stipulated terms and conditions of the UL, including security conditions.

Satellite-based communication services can provide connectivity in rural, underserved and unserved areas including remote and mountainous regions, which are otherwise difficult to be covered through terrestrial media such as optical fiber, microwave, etc. Further, as per the License conditions, the licensee will provide satellite-based communication services without any discrimination from any applicant at any place in the service area for the service(s) authorized. This will support in bridging the digital divide, addressing the last mile connectivity issues and promoting equitable access to digital services.
