GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISITRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF POSTS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1493
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH JULY, 2022

MOBILE AND INTERNET CONNECTIVITY IN POST OFFICES

1493   SHRI SUJEET KUMAR:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a)   whether Government is aware of the fact that there are Post Offices, especially in areas with difficult terrains, without a mobile network or internet connectivity;

(b)   the State-wise details of such Post Offices in the country, including Odisha;

(c)   the steps that Government has taken to ensure that network connectivity reaches such Post Offices; and

(d)   whether Government has set any deadline for ensuring network connectivity in such areas?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)

(a) & (b)   Connectivity in Post offices in rural areas with difficult terrain is dependent on network availability in those areas. State / Union Territory-wise list of post offices without mobile network or internet connectivity including Odisha is enclosed as **Annexure.**

(c) & (d)   Department of Posts has brought in network connectivity in difficult areas by exploring connectivity options through Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), other private service providers and alternate technologies such as V-SAT (Very-Small Aperture Terminal) and IDR (Inter-Domain Routing). Department is working proactively with service providers to ensure connectivity in all post offices.

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Annexure referred to in reply of Para (b) for Rajya Sabha unstarred question no. 1493 to be answered on 29th July, 2022 regarding "Mobile and Internet Connectivity in Post Offices"

Sl No.	Name of the State / Union Territory (UT)	Number of Post offices without Mobile network or Internet connectivity
1	Andhra Pradesh	450
2	Assam	33
3	Bihar	295
4	Chhattisgarh	1411
5	Delhi	54
6	Gujarat (including UT - Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu)	48
7	Haryana	11
8	Himachal Pradesh	51
9	Jammu & Kashmir (including UT - J&K and UT- Ladakh)	170
10	Jharkhand	886
11	Karnataka	40
12	Kerala (including UT- Lakshadweep)	10
13	Madhya Pradesh	527
14	Maharashtra (including Goa)	947
15	North-East (including Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Tripura, Mizoram and Nagaland)	287
16	**Odisha**	**460**
17	Punjab (including UT-Chandigarh)	20
18	Rajasthan	44
19	Tamil Nadu (including UT-Puducherry)	52
20	Telangana	431
21	Uttar Pradesh	294
22	Uttarakhand	78
23	West Bengal (including Sikkim and UT-Andaman and Nicobar Islands)	124
	Grand Total	6723

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