

Need to provide mobile connectivity to all villages of Odisha

SHRI MANAS RANJAN MANGARAJ (Odisha): Sir, mobile service is fast moving and has become an essential part of the daily life of common people. In this context, it is highly disappointing that Odisha has been a connection-deficit State for a long period. The tele-density of Odisha is 74.38 per cent against the national average of 84.88 per cent as on 31st March, 2022. The State of Odisha has the highest number of uncovered villages among all States in India w.r.t. mobile connectivity. In the most recent survey carried out by the DoT, LSA, Odish, 6,278 number of such villages have been identified as of March, 2021, out of approximately 51,000 villages. Considering their geographical location, about 1,000 mobile towers are required to provide mobile network connectivity to these villages.

I urge the Government to take cognizance of this issue and make efforts to improve the mobile connectivity of Odisha.

DR. AMAR PATNAIK (Odisha): Sir, I associate myself with the submission made by the hon. Member.

DR. JOHN BRITTAS (Kerala): Sir, I also associate myself with the submission made by the hon. Member.

SHRI SANDOSH KUMAR P (Kerala): Sir, I also associate myself with the submission made by the hon. Member.

DR. SASMIT PATRA (Odisha): Sir, I also associate myself with the submission made by the hon. Member.

Man-Tiger conflict in area around Valmiki Tiger Reserve in West Champaran district of Bihar

श्री सतीश चंद्र दूबे (बिहार) : उपसभापति महोदय, मैं आभार व्यक्त करता हूँ कि आपने मुझे इस लोक महत्व के विषय को रखने का मौका दिया। मेरे गृह जिला पश्चिमी चंपारण के अंतर्गत आने वाले वाल्मीकि टाइगर रिजर्व (वीटीआर) में बाघों और मनुष्यों के बीच संघर्ष होना चिंता का विषय है। यह बाघ अभयारण्य लगभग 900 वर्ग किलोमीटर क्षेत्र में फैला है, जो उत्तर प्रदेश के वन रेंज से निकलकर हिमालय की तलहटी तक फैला हुआ है। यहां वर्ष 2014 में 32 बाघ थे, जो 2018 में बढ़कर 50 हो गए और वर्ष 2022 की गणना में बाघों की संख्या और बढ़ी होगी। वन्य जीवों और जंगल के आस पास रहने वालों के बीच संघर्ष की खबरें आती रहती हैं, पर आजकल यह आम