

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1787
ANSWERED ON 10TH DECEMBER, 2025**

AWARENESS, INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT

1787. ADV GOWAAL KAGADA PADAVI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has issued the Telecommunications (Telecom Cyber security) Amendment Rules, 2025 (G.S.R. 771(E)) on 22 October 2025, imposing stricter norms to curb telecom fraud and ensure network security and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of SIM cards, IMEIs and network identifiers blocked or flagged under the new rules till date;
- (c) the manner in which the Government proposes to ensure that remote/tribal districts (such as in Maharashtra) receive awareness, infrastructure and enforcement support to benefit from safe telecom services;
- (d) whether the Government has allocated special grants or imparted training for telecom-operators and local enforcement in tribal regions to handle cyber risks in communication networks and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the role of the Ministry in coordinating with State administrations and telecom service providers to ensure effective roll-out of the validation platform and compliance audits; and
- (f) the timeline by which the Government expects full-scale implementation of the rules across all service providers including reporting State-wise results for Maharashtra's tribal-dominated habitations?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has notified the Telecommunications (Telecom Cyber Security) Amendment Rules, 2025 on 22nd October 2025.
- (b) The provisions for reverification and disconnection of numbers existed prior to these rules and were governed by licensing conditions and instructions issued thereof. DoT has developed a citizen centric initiative Sanchar Saathi which provides facilities including suspected fraud reporting, block your lost/ stolen mobile handset, check mobile connections in your name & report unauthorized ones and check genuineness of mobile handset. Based on report of citizens as 'Not My Number', 1.44 crore mobile connections have been disconnected after failing reverification. Further, DoT through its ASTR tool detects mobile connections that were acquired through forged documents and has disconnected more than 86 lakhs such connections after they failed reverification.

(c) & (d) DoT is promoting digital safety and preventing telecom-related fraud through widespread awareness campaigns under Sanchar Saathi. Its outreach includes multilingual news articles and ads, digital screens and hoardings in public spaces, TV and radio messages, local-level activities by DoT field units, SMS campaigns with Telecom Service Providers, and extensive social media content such as explainer videos and infographics. Sanchar Mitras, who are student volunteers, have been engaged to educate citizens about digital safety, fraud prevention, and the use of the Sanchar Saathi portal and app. Their involvement helps deepen awareness at the grassroots level, especially through communication in local languages.

(e) DoT is undertaking necessary coordination with the relevant stakeholders for the implementation of the Rules.

(f) The Telecommunications (Telecom Cyber Security) Amendment Rules, 2025 are in force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette i.e. 22nd October 2025.
