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TRAI Assesses Mobile Network Quality Across Highway Route- Hindupur to Hyderabad passing through Anantapur, Dhone, Kurnool and Jadcherla etc.

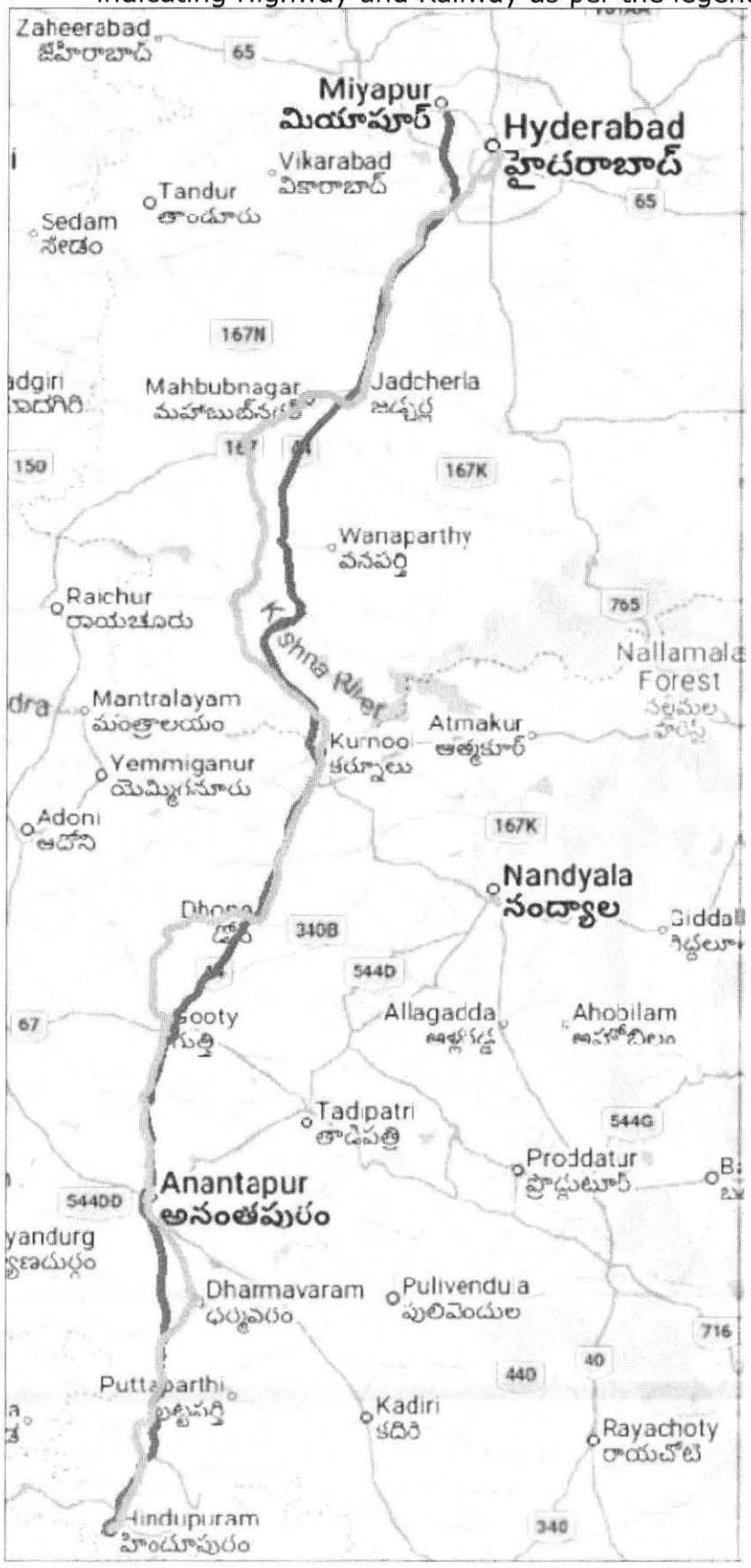
Railway Route- Hyderabad to Hindupur passing through Jadcherla, Kurnool Town, Dhone Junction, Gooty Junction, Anantapur and Dharmavaram Junction etc.

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has released findings of Independent Drive Test (IDT) conducted across Rail Hyderabad to Hindupur and Highway Hindupur to Hyderabad under AP LSA, during the month of April 2026, for information of general telecom consumers. The purpose of this drive test is to assess and verify real time quality of mobile network services (both voice & data) provided by Telecom Service Providers (TSPs). During the IDT, TRAI captures performance of TSPs for key Quality of Service (QoS) parameters like Coverage, Call Drop Rate (CDR), Call Setup Success Rate (CSSR), data Download (DL) and Upload (UL) throughput etc., which are then published to inform Consumers and encourage TSPs to improve their services.

2. These IDTs have been designed to capture on ground mobile network performance of all TSPs across diverse usages environment like cities, hotspots, public transport hubs, etc. In this type of drive testing, live data and voice sessions are established using SIM cards from all TSPs over 2G, 3G, 4G, and 5G networks. Multiple advanced test handsets are used, and the sessions are monitored and analysed in real-time using advanced Software Systems.

3. TRAI, through its appointed agency, conducted drive tests across Highway - 473.7 KMs and Railway – 515.8 Kms, Hindupur to Hyderabad - Highway and Hyderabad to Hindupur - Railway from 20th April 2026 to 21st April 2026 in **Andhra Pradesh LSA.** These tests were conducted under the supervision of the TRAI Regional Office Hyderabad. The observations presented in drive test reports represent the performance of the TSPs on the area/ route under test on the day/ time of conducting the drive test.

4. **Drive Test Route Map**: The following map provides overview of drive test routes indicating Highway and Railway as per the legends shown on the map:-



5. **Key Parameters Assessed**

a) **Coverage Gap:** Percentage of samples, for which signal strength observed less than the minimum prescribed signal strength for respective technology (2G/ 3G/ 4G/ 5G).
b) **Voice Services:** Call Setup Success Rate (CSSR), Drop Call Rate (DCR), Call Setup Time, Call Silence Rate, Speech Quality (MOS).
c) **Call Silence Instance**: Number of call silence instance occurred during the calls.
d) **Data Servies:** Download/ Upload Throughput, Latency, Jitter, Packet Drop Rate

6. The overall mobile network performance in Hyderabad for the key parameters has been summarised below:-

Hindupur to Hyderabad Highway:

a) **Coverage Gap** –(i) The signal strength observed during voice testing on the drive test route in auto-selection mode (5G/4G/3G/2G), measured as the number of samples having poor signal strength out of the total samples collected, was **427/33655** for **Airtel**, 7003/32128 for BSNL, **751/33289** for **RJIL** and 4021/33216 for **VIL**. Details of the coverage gaps have been provided in the map **Annexed**.

(ii) The signal strength observed during voice testing on the drive test route in auto-selection mode (5G/4G/3G/2G), measured as the number of samples having **Limited Service (NO Coverage)** out of the total samples collected, was **0/33655** for **Airtel**, 94/32128 for BSNL, **0/33289** for **RJIL** and 35/33216 for **VIL**. Details of the coverage gaps have been provided in the map **Annexed**.

b) **Dropped Calls** - Dropped calls, measured as the number of dropped calls out of the number of successfully established calls, were 0/169 for **Airtel**, 15/169 for **BSNL**, 0/169 for **RJIL** and **6**/170 for **VIL**. Details of the dropped call locations have been provided in the map A**nnexed**.
c) **Call Silence Instance** - Call silence instances, measured as the total number of silence instances observed for > 3 seconds out of the total calls established, were 7/165 for **Airtel**, 13/148 for **BSNL** 4/167 **RJIL** and 12/167 for **VIL**. Details of the call silence instance locations have been provided in the map **Annexed**.
d) **Data Download and Upload Throughput**:
   i) **Data Download performance (Overall)**: Average download speed was observed as 109.79 **Mbps** for **Airtel (5G/4G)**, 10.96 **Mbps** for **BSNL (3G)**, 244.03 **Mbps** for **RJIL (5G/4G)** and 22.62 **Mbps** for **VIL (5G/4G/2G)**. Detail of Download throughput has been provided in the map **Annexed.**
   ii) **Data Upload performance (Overall)**: Average upload speed was observed as **22.50 Mbps** for **Airtel (5G/4G)**, 4.0 **Mbps** for **BSNL (3G)**, 18.02 **Mbps** for **RJIL (5G/4G)** and **7.49 Mbps** for **VIL (5G/4G/2G)**. Detail of Upload throughput has been provided in the map **Annexed.**

Hyderabad to Hindupur Railway:

a) **Coverage Gap** – (i) The signal strength observed during voice testing on the drive test route in auto-selection mode (5G/4G/3G/2G), measured as the number of samples having poor signal strength out of the total samples collected, was **1205/25211** for **Airtel**, 8305/23798 for BSNL, **1318/25056** for **RJIL** and 3311/24771 for **VIL**. Details of the coverage gaps have been provided in the map **Annexed**.

(ii) The signal strength observed during voice testing on the drive test route in auto-selection mode (5G/4G/3G/2G), measured as the number of samples having **Limited Service (NO Coverage)** out of the total samples collected, was **5/25211** for **Airtel**, **463/23798** for **BSNL**, **83/25056** for **RJIL** and **190/24771** for **VIL**. Details of the coverage gaps have been provided in the map **Annexed**.

b) **Dropped Calls** - Dropped calls, measured as the number of dropped calls out of the number of successfully established calls, were 0/126 for **Airtel**, 28/134 for **BSNL**, 2/127 for **RJIL** and 8/126 for **VIL**. Details of the dropped call locations have been provided in the map A**nnexed**.

c) **Data Download and Upload Throughput**:
   i) **Data Download performance (Overall)**: Average download speed was observed as 25.16 **Mbps** for **Airtel (5G/4G)**, 10.61 **Mbps** for **BSNL (3G)**, 119.61 **Mbps** for **RJIL (5G/4G)** and 19.87 **Mbps** for **VIL (5G/4G/2G)**. Detail of Download throughput has been provided in the map **Annexed.**
   ii) **Data Upload performance (Overall)**: Average upload speed was observed as **9.38 Mbps** for **Airtel (5G/4G)**, 6.02 **Mbps** for **BSNL (3G)**, 10.41 **Mbps** for **RJIL (5G/4G)** and **9.69 Mbps** for **VIL (5G/4G/2G)**. Detail of Upload throughput has been provided in the map **Annexed.**

Locations of Dropped Calls and Call Silence instances can be seen by clicking red dot on the map **Annexed.**

7. Details of drive test route and area covered during the IDT is as under:-

a) Highway- Hindupur to Hyderabad passing through Anantapur, Dhone, Kurnool and Jadcherla etc.

b) Railway- Hyderabad to Hindupur passing through Jadcherla, Kurnool Town, Dhone Junction, Gooty Junction, Anantapura and Dharmavaram Junction etc.

8. The findings of this IDT report have been shared with respective TSPs for taking further necessary action at their end. Detailed reports of IDT are made available on the TRAI website at www.trai.gov.in. For any clarification or additional information, an email can be sent to adv.hydreabad@trai.gov.in or Regional Office of TRAI can be contacted on telephone no. 040-23000761.

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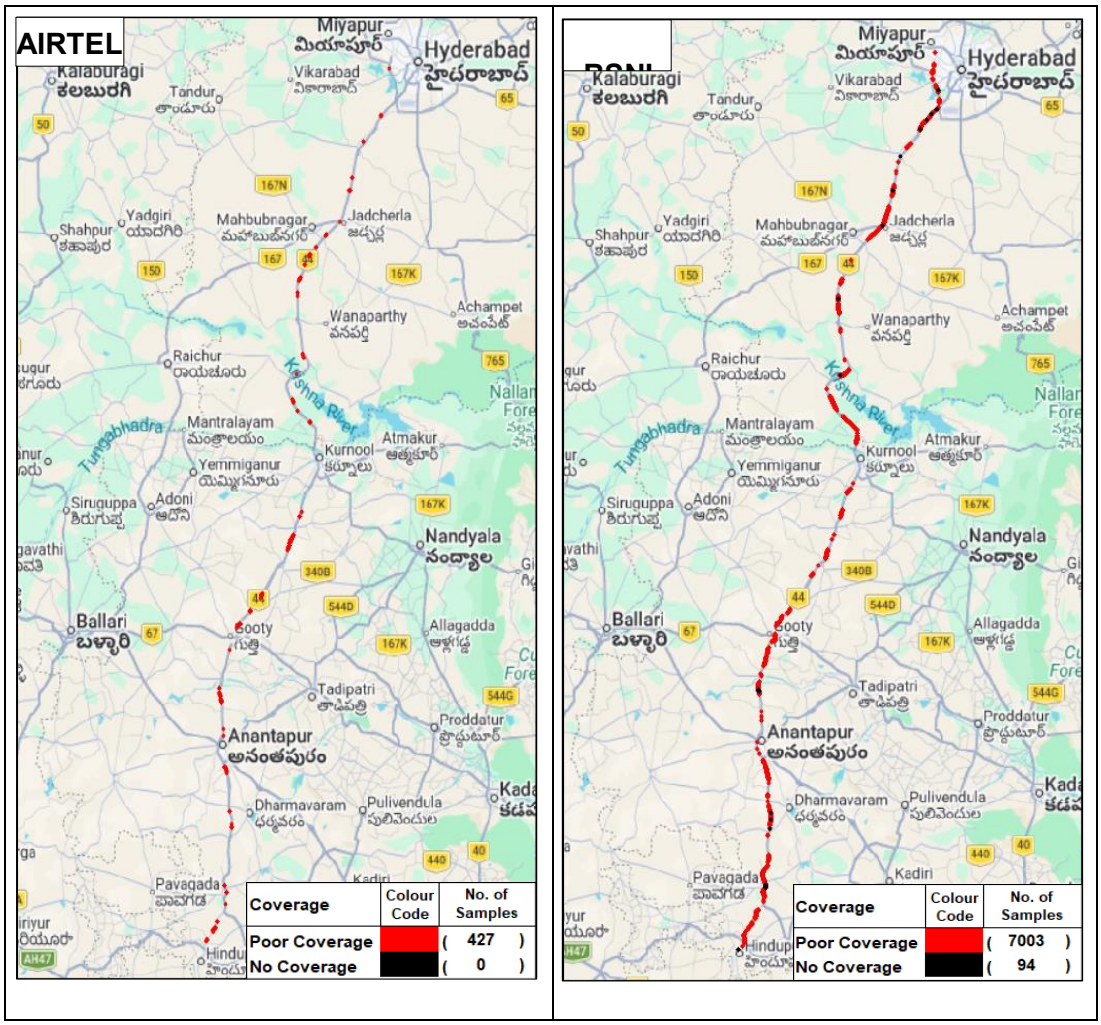
1. Hindupur to Hyderabad Highway: **Annexure**

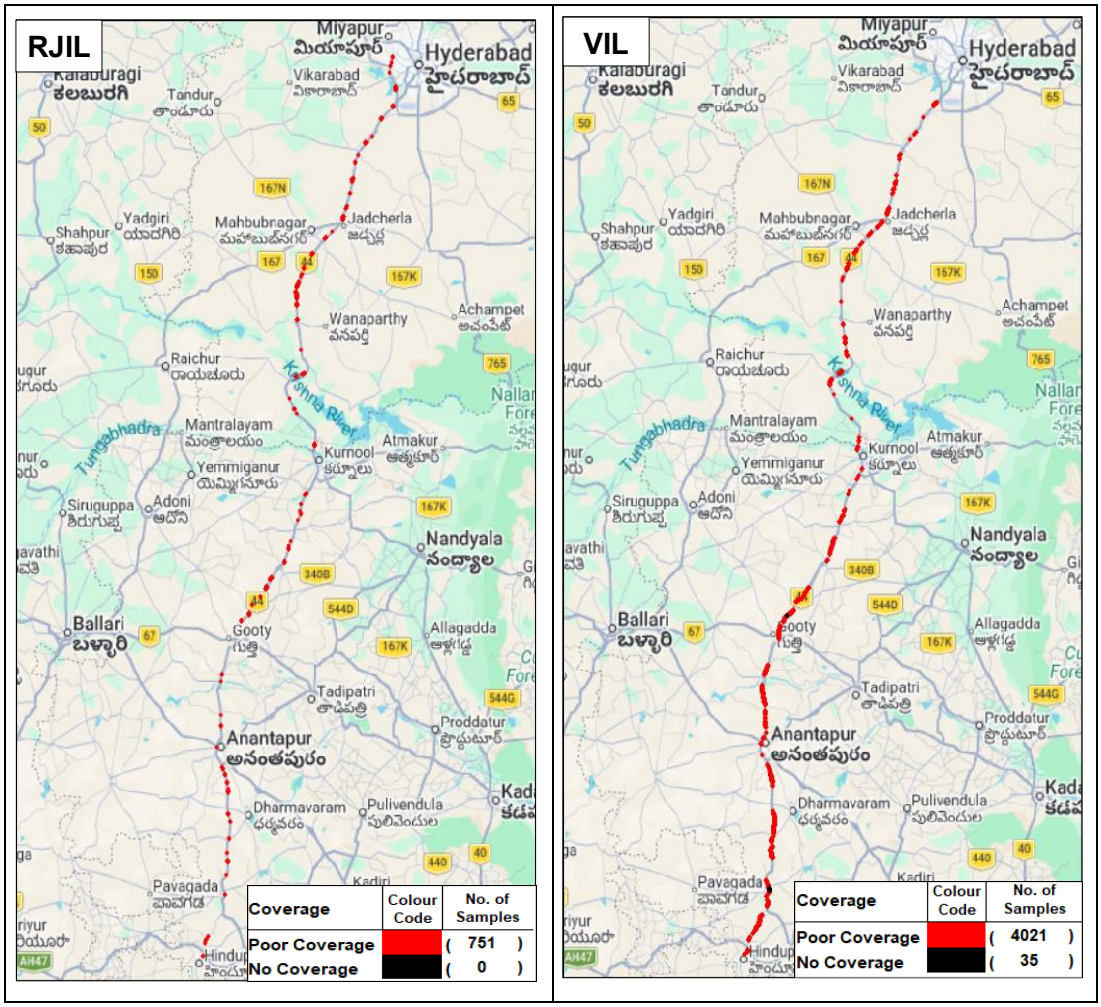
a) Coverage Gap – The coverage distribution found less than the minimum specified signal strength for the drive test route in auto-selection mode (5G/4G/3G/2G) during voice testing, is as below:

Parameter	AIRTEL	BSNL	RJIL	VIL
Total Number of Samples captured on Drive test route	33655	32128	33289	33216
Number of Samples having poor signal strength	427	7003	751	4021
Number of Samples having limited service (No Coverage)	0	94	0	35

Note: Signal strength has been considered poor if it falls below −110 dBm for 5G & 4G, −90 dBm for 3G, and −85 dBm for 2G.

Coverage Gap observed



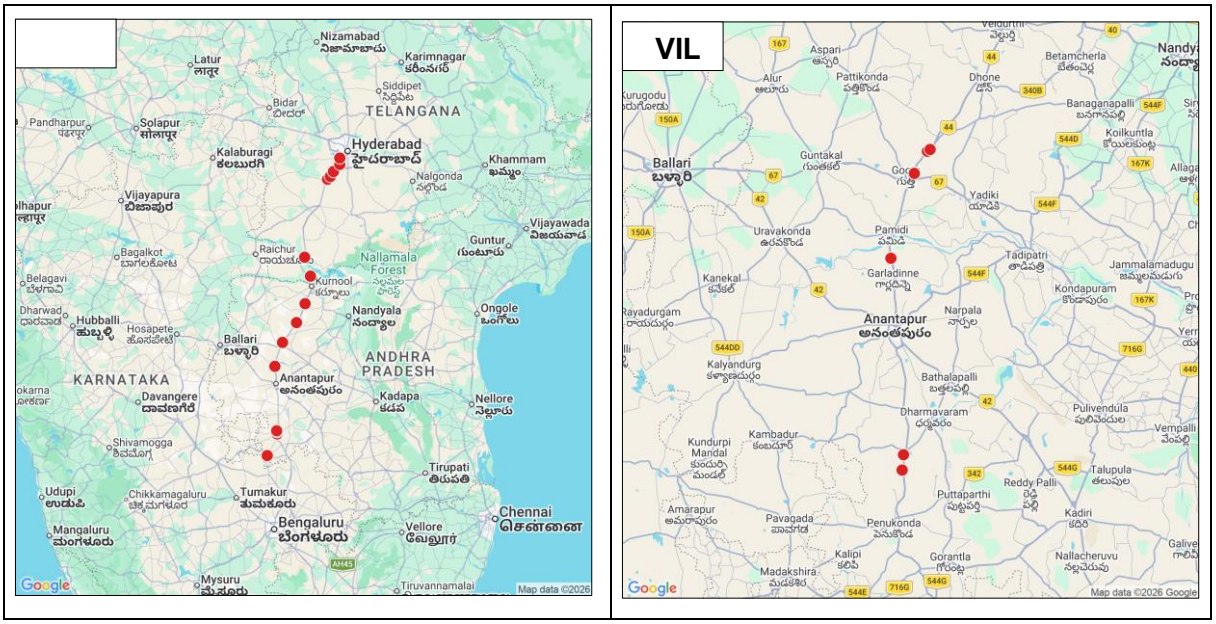


Note: Plot is based on Dynamic Drive Test results only.

b) Dropped Calls - The TSP-wise details of dropped calls in auto-selection mode (5G/ 4G/ 3G/ 2G) are as below:

Parameter	AIRTEL	BSNL	RJIL	VIL
Number of successful Calls Established	169	169	169	170
Number of dropped Calls	0	15	0	6

Locations of Dropped Calls

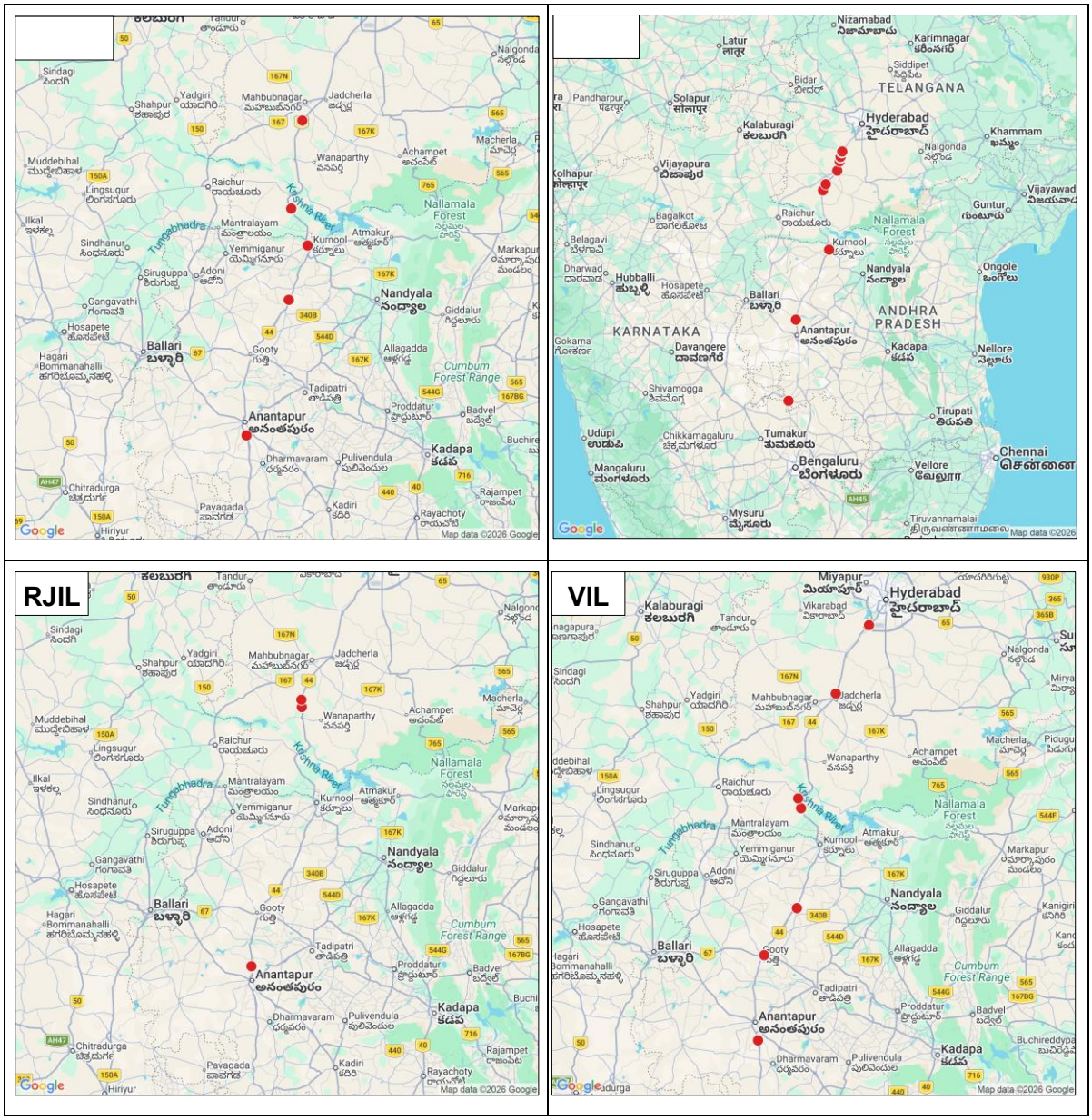


Note: Dropped calls locations are shown in red colour and which can be clicked to know the exact location (latitude and longitude) on the map.

c) Call Silence Instance - The TSP-wise details of Call silence instance in Auto-selection mode (5G/4G) are as below:

Parameter	AIRTEL	BSNL	RJIL	VIL
Call Established (within service provider network)	165	148	167	167
Number of silences calls for >3 Sec	5	10	3	7
Total number of silence instances for >3 Sec	7	13	4	12

Locations of Call Silence Instance

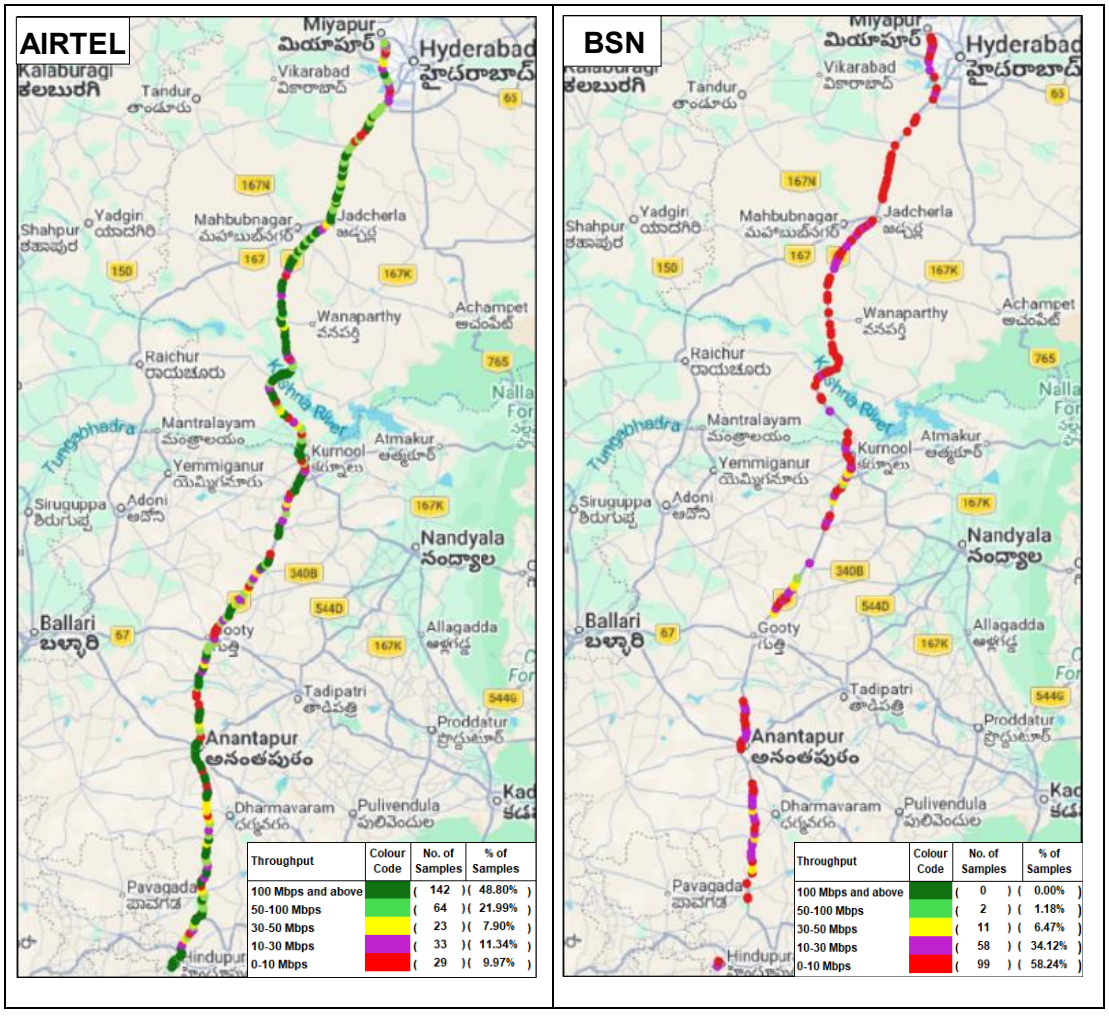


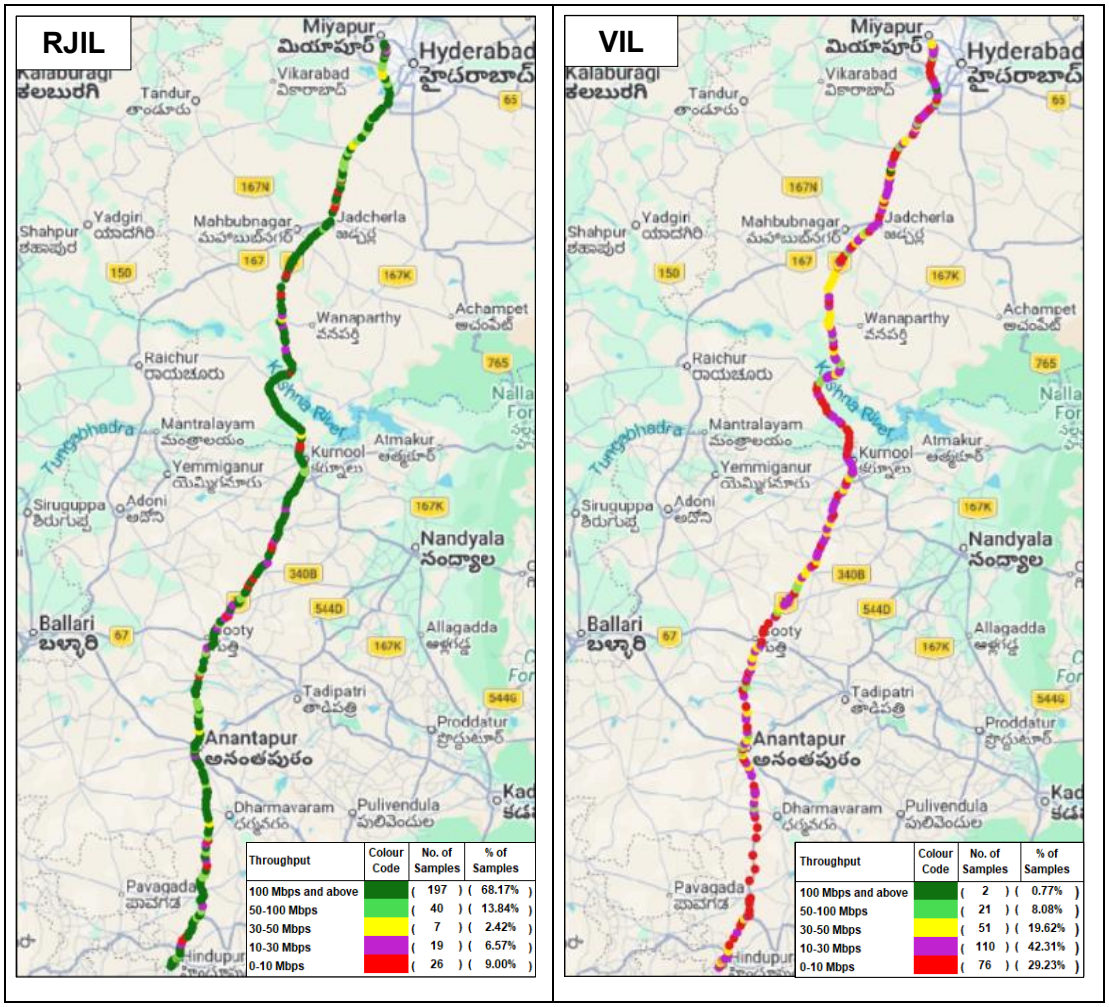
Note: Call silence instances are shown in red colour and which can be clicked to know the exact location (latitude and longitude) on the map.

d) Data Download and Upload throughput: The TSP-wise details of **Average Download (DL)** and **Upload (UL) throughput** against declared typical DL/UL Throughput for month, in Auto-selection mode (5G/4G/3G/2G) are as below: -

(i) Download Throughput

Parameter	Measured in	AIRTEL (upto 5G)	BSNL (upto 4G)	RJIL (upto 5G)	VIL (upto 5G)
Typical Download throughput declared by TSP	(Mbits/s)	16.91	3.00	15.00	15.00
Average Download Throughput measured during IDT	(Mbits/s)	109.79	10.96	244.03	22.62





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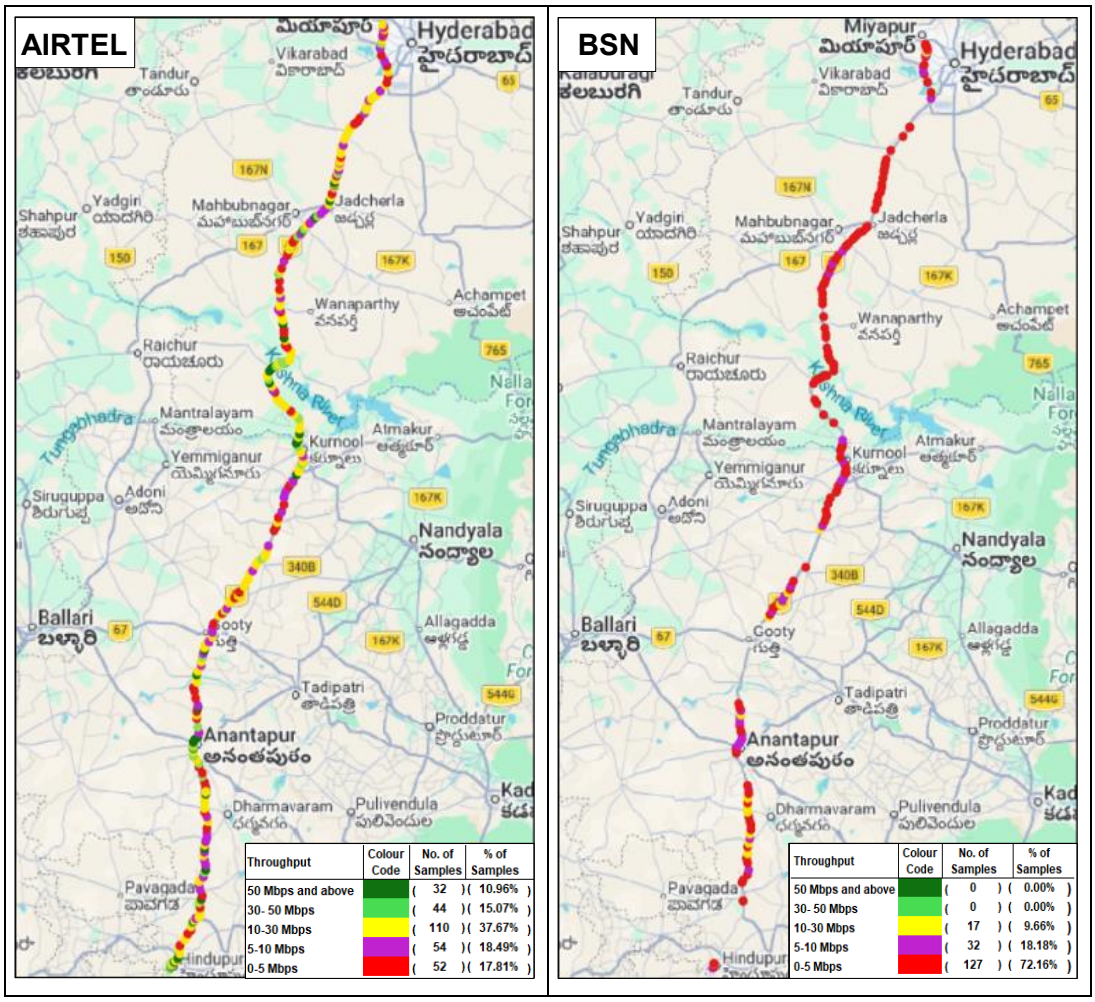
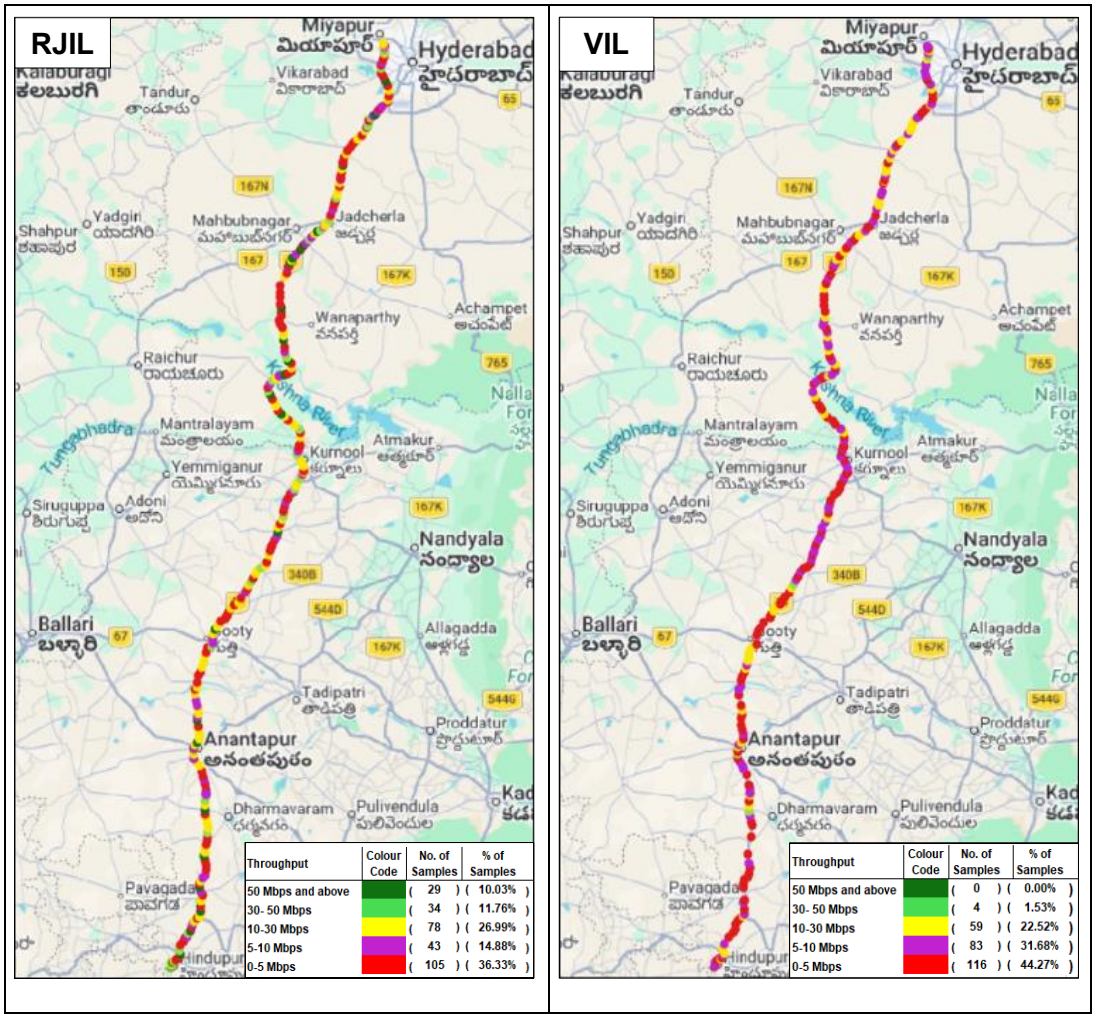
(ii) Upload Throughput

Parameter	Measured in	AIRTEL (upto 5G)	BSNL (upto 4G)	RJIL (upto 5G)	VIL (upto 5G)
Typical upload throughput declared by TSP	(Mbits/s)	4.98	3.00	7.00	8.00
Average Upload Throughput measured during IDT	(Mbits/s)	22.50	4.00	18.02	7.49





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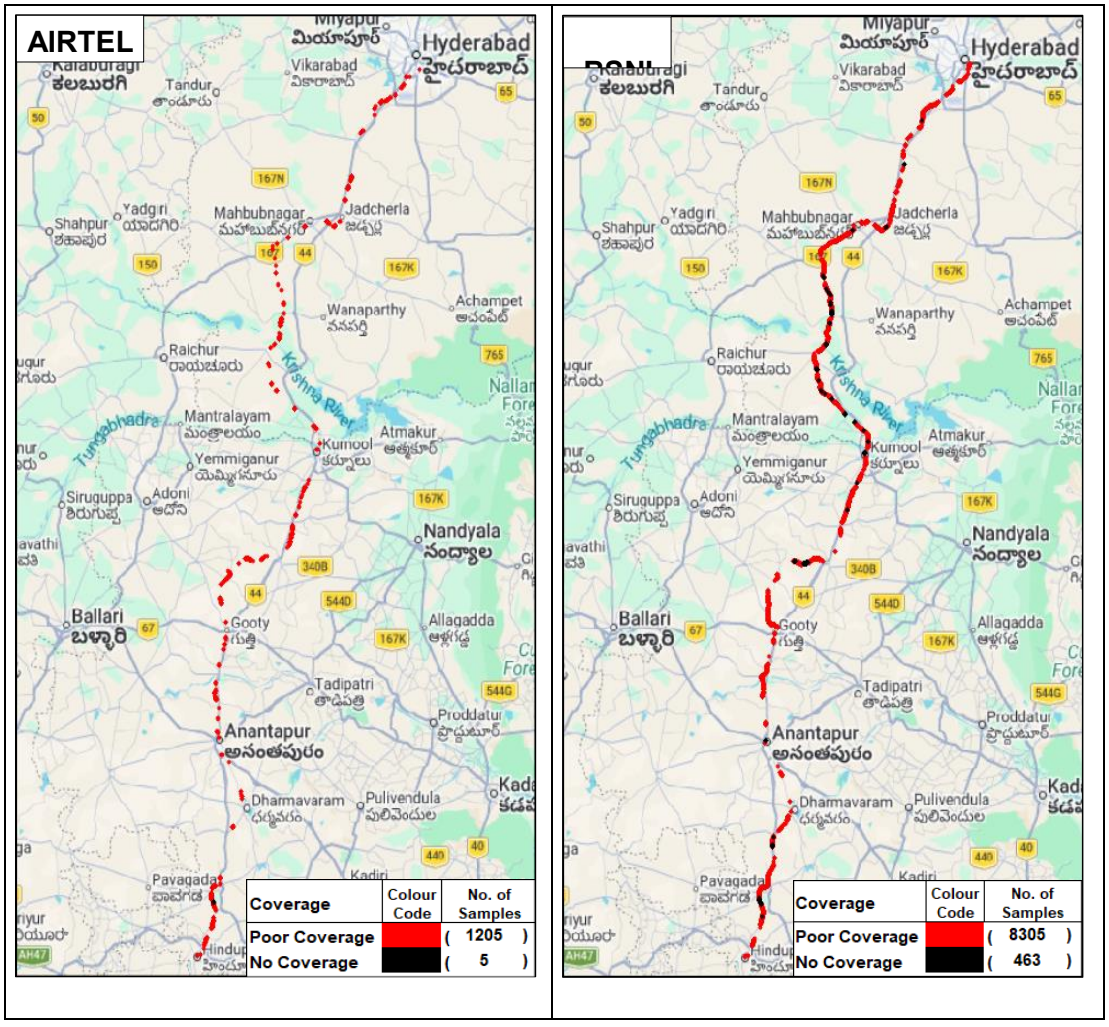
2. Hyderabad to Hindupur Railway: -

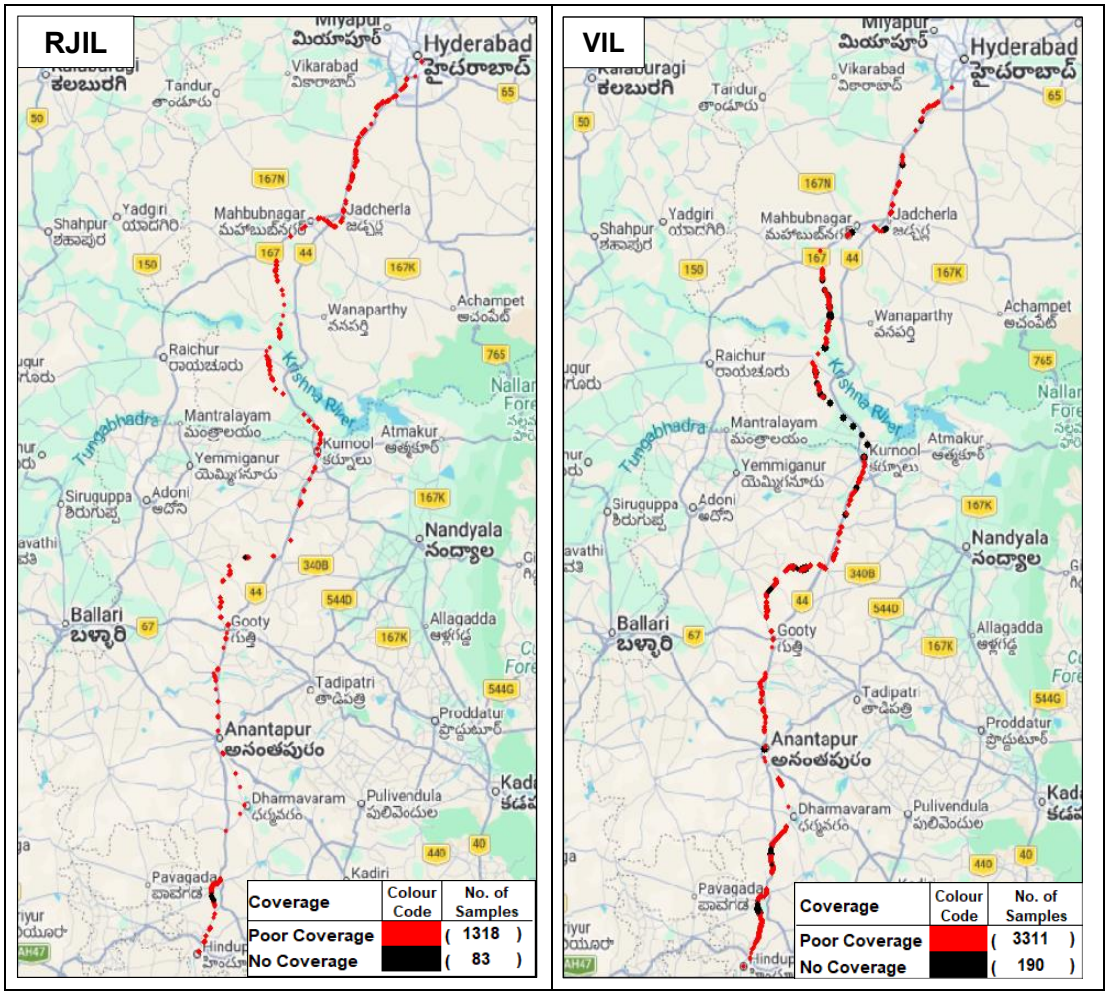
a) Coverage Gap – The coverage distribution found less than the minimum specified signal strength for the drive test route in auto-selection mode (5G/4G/3G/2G) during voice testing, is as below:

Parameter	AIRTEL	BSNL	RJIL	VIL
Total Number of Samples captured on Drive test route	25211	23798	25056	24771
Number of Samples having poor signal strength	1205	8305	1318	3311
Number of Samples having limited service (No Coverage)	5	463	83	190

Note: Signal strength has been considered poor if it falls below −110 dBm for 5G & 4G, −90 dBm for 3G, and −85 dBm for 2G.

Coverage Gap observed



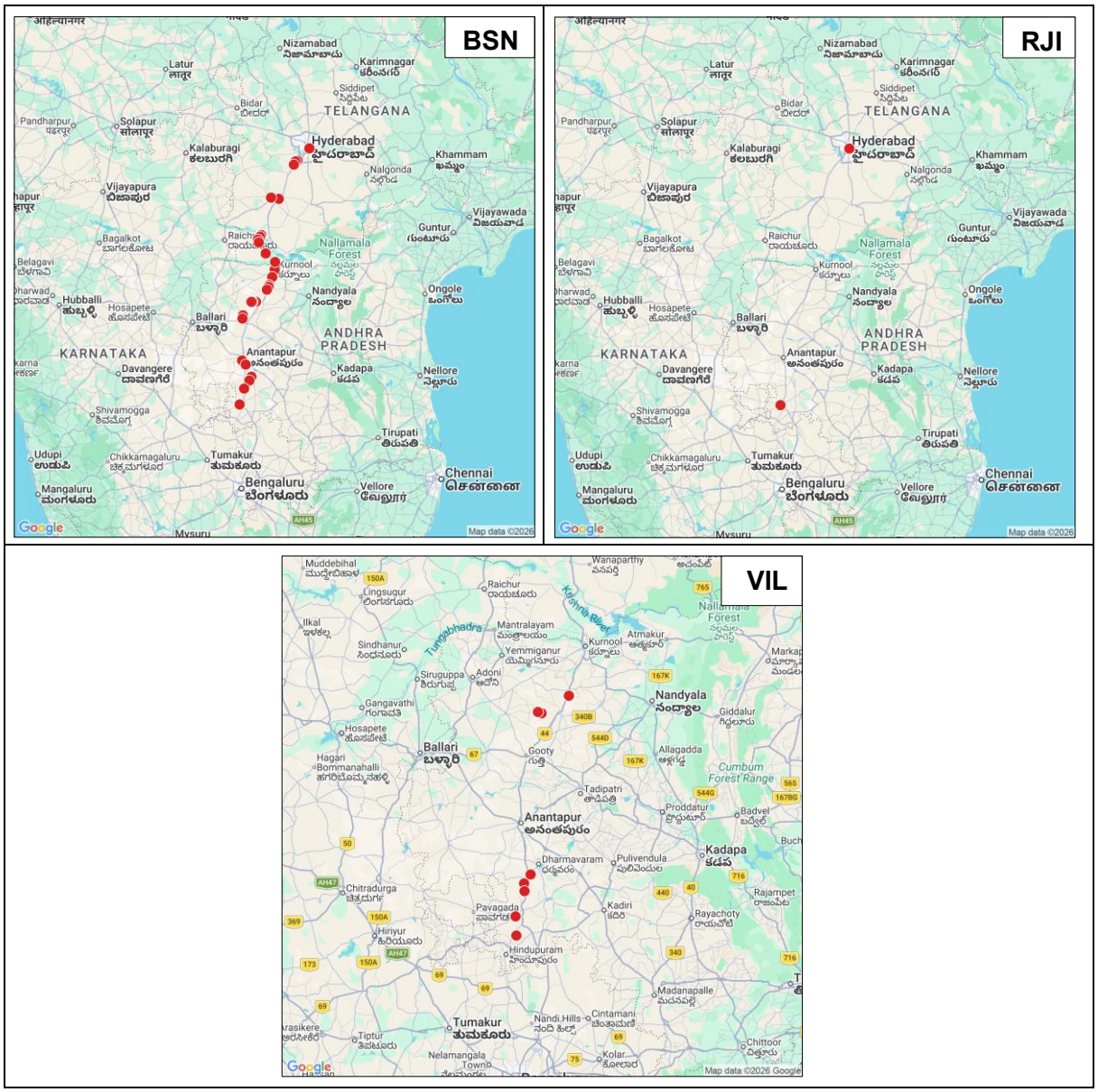


Note: Plot is based on Dynamic Drive Test results only.

b) Dropped Calls - The TSP-wise details of dropped calls in auto-selection mode (5G/ 4G/ 3G/ 2G) are as below: -

Parameter	AIRTEL	BSNL	RJIL	VIL
Number of successful Calls Established	126	134	127	126
Number of dropped Calls	0	28	2	8

Locations of Dropped Calls



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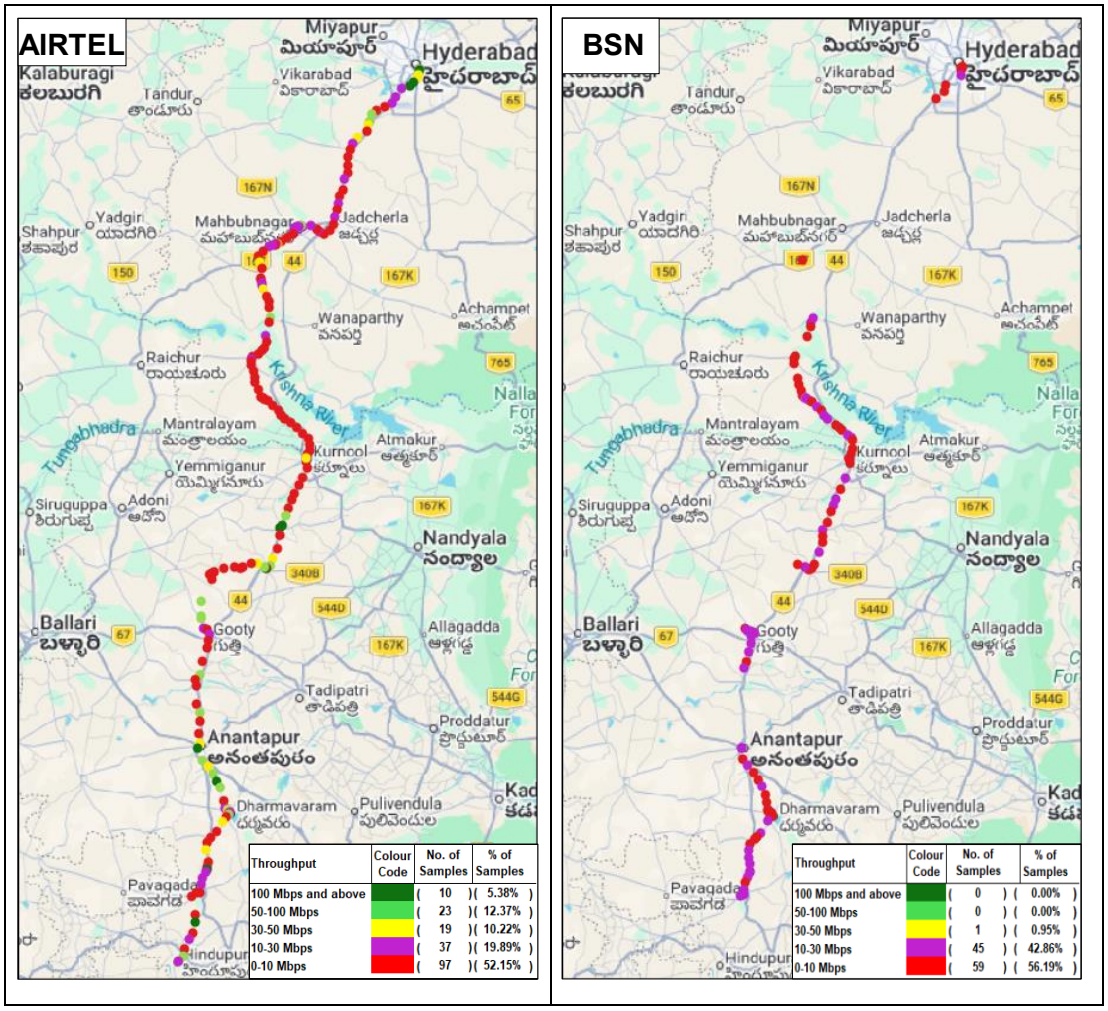
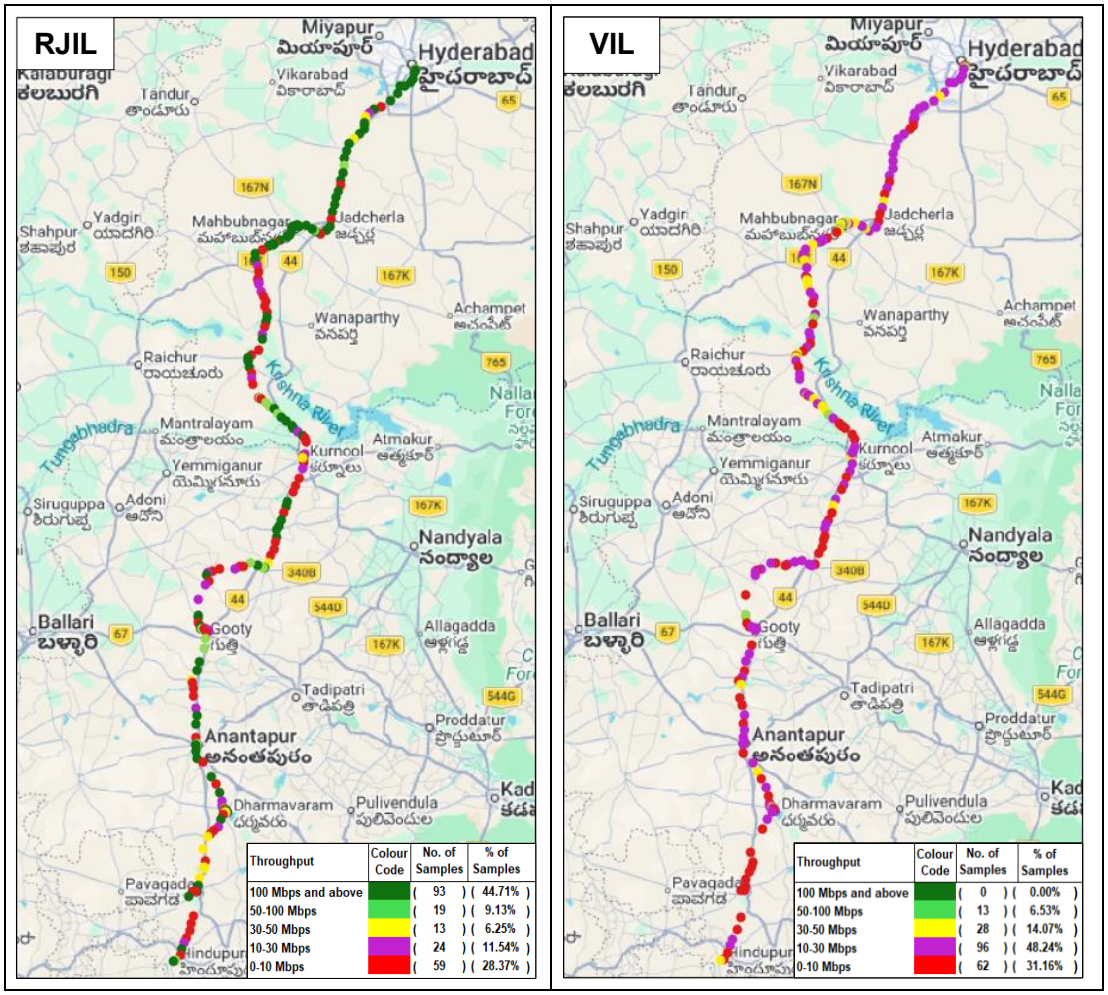
Typical Download throughput declared by TSP	(Mbits/s)	16.91	3.00	15.00	15.00
Average Download Throughput measured during IDT	(Mbits/s)	25.60	10.61	119.61	19.87





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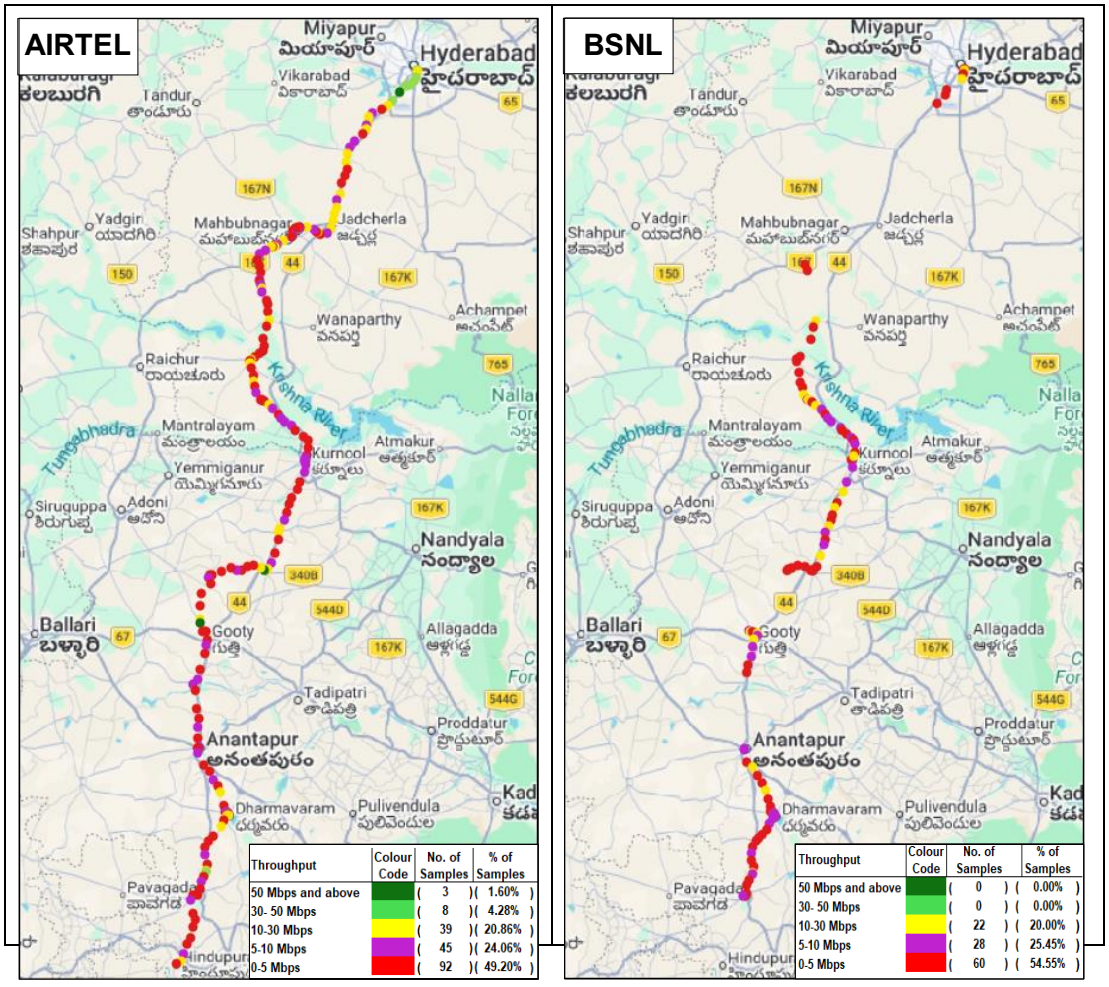
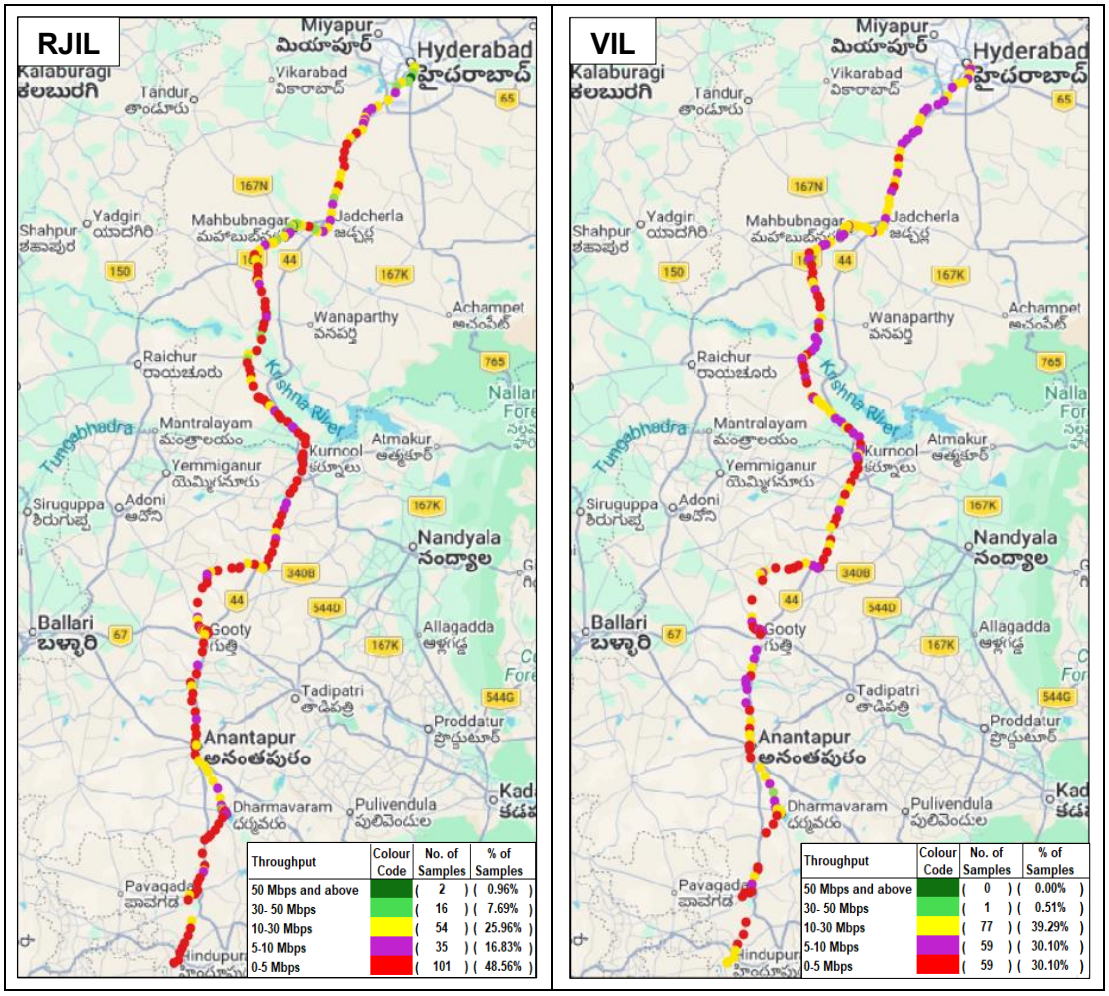
(ii) Upload Throughput

Parameter	Measured in	AIRTEL (upto 5G)	BSNL (upto 4G)	RJIL (upto 5G)	VIL (upto 5G)
Typical upload throughput declared by TSP	(Mbits/s)	4.98	3.00	7.00	8.00
Average Upload Throughput measured during IDT	(Mbits/s)	9.38	6.02	10.41	9.69





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