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ANSWERED ON
TELEPHONE TOWERS IN TRIBAL AREAS

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that large scale telephone towers are installed in tribal areas of Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Orissa etc., which are not activated;
- (b) the reasons for the same; and
- (c) by when would the Ministry prevail upon the telephone operations to activate these towers and give communication facilities to the tribal inhabitants there?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI SACHIN PILOT)

(a) Some of the towers installed by BSNL in tribal area of Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Orissa are still to be activated. 965 towers in Jharkhand, 606 towers in Chhattisgarh and 604 towers in Orissa are activated and only 58 towers in Jharkhand and 153 towers in Chhattisgarh are still to be activated.

(b) The reasons for delay in activating these mobile towers in the States of Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Orissa are given below:

(i) Extreme remote areas

(ii) Tough terrain

(iii) Naxalites/insurgency affected areas

(iv) Difficulties in land acquisition.

(v) Non availability of satellite transponder.

(vi) Irregular power supply.

(c) Efforts are being made to activate the remaining towers.