

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2462**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE AUGUST 8TH, 2018/SHRAVANA 17, 1940 (SAKA)

ENHANCEMENT OF BANDWIDTH IN LWE AFFECTED AREAS

2462. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

what steps have been taken by the Ministry of Home Affairs for enhancement of the bandwidth of the V-SAT towers from 512 kbps to 2 mbps in the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts of Odisha so as to achieve the objective of providing effective communication facility to the security forces and the public in such areas?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)**

Ministry of Home Affairs is regularly monitoring the issue of enhancement of the bandwidth of the V-SAT towers at the level of Union Home Minister, Minister of State for Home Affairs and Union Home Secretary.

Telecom Commission has approved the enhancement of satellite bandwidth up to 2 Mbps at all V-SAT sites of LWE Project including Odisha on 21.12.2017.

USO Fund, Department of Telecommunications has already provided Rs. 115,73,13,696/- to Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) on 18.07.2018 for upgradation of bandwidth to 2 Mbps at V-SAT sites.
