

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2609
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH MARCH, 2022**

ALLOCATION OF MOBILE TOWERS IN ODISHA

2609 DR. SASMIT PATRA:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the manner in which the 4,000 mobile towers sanctioned by the Ministry for Odisha would be allocated;
- (b) who would take the decision for allocating these towers in specific locations; and
- (c) whether the State Government has any role in assigning regions for setting up these towers, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)**

(a) to (c) The Union Cabinet has approved a scheme for provisioning of 4G mobile coverage in 7287 uncovered villages of Aspirational Districts of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Jharkhand & Odisha. This scheme includes installation of 2379 towers to cover 3933 identified uncovered villages of 10 Aspirational Districts of Odisha.

The villages for providing mobile services have been identified as per the Department's list of uncovered villages, based on the information provided by Telecom Service Providers. The locations of the towers are selected to optimally cover these villages as per the technical feasibility. Inputs, regarding mobile coverage of uncovered villages from the State Government, are duly considered.
