

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1305  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER, 2016**

**TELECOM IN LEFT WING EXTREMIST AREAS**

1305. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to strengthen mobile network facility in the areas affected by Left Wing Extremism (LWE);
- (b) if so, the steps being taken for selection of such areas to provide the network facility;
- (c) whether the Government has received complaints regarding poor mobile service in rural and LWE affected districts including Bihar; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &  
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

(a) to (d) Government is committed to strengthen mobile network facility in the areas affected by Left Wing Extremism (LWE). 2199 mobile towers are being set up in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected States with a total estimated cost of Rs.3567.58 crore. The work is being executed by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL). As on date, 2185 mobile towers are made operational under this Project. These locations are identified by Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). Further, no significant complaint has been received for the mobile towers installed under this Project. State-wise breakup of LWE Mobile Towers is at **Annexure**.

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**ANNEXURE**

**State-wise breakup of mobile tower locations in LWE Affected Areas**

S. No.	State	No. of locations identified by MHA	No. of Mobile Towers Installed
1.	Andhra Pradesh	54	54
2.	Bihar	184	184
3.	Chhattisgarh	497	490
4.	Jharkhand	782	782
5.	Maharashtra	60	60
6.	Madhya Pradesh	22	22
7.	Odisha	253	248
8.	Telangana	173	171
9.	Uttar Pradesh	78	78
10.	West Bengal	96	96
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,199</b>	<b>2185</b>

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