

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.6391  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2017**

**ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM USOF**

6391. SHRI P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to allocate funds from the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) to the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) to augment telecom services in remote areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds allocated to various TSPs from the USOF during each of the last three years, TSP-wise; and
- (d) the number of villages provided with telecom facility, State/UT-wise?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) & (b) The Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) has disbursed subsidies to the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) to augment telecom services in remote areas of the country. The details of subsidies disbursed from USOF to TSPs is annexed as **ANNEXURE-A.**
- (c) The funds disbursed to various TSPs from USOF during last three years, TSP wise is annexed as **ANNEXURE -B.**
- (d) The number of villages provided with telecom facility, State/UT-wise is annexed as **ANNEXURE -C.**

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Subsidy disbursed from USOF to TSPs

| Year    | Funds disbursed from USOF<br>(Rs. in Crore) |
|---------|---|
| 2002-03 | 300.00                                      |
| 2003-04 | 200.00                                      |
| 2004-05 | 1314.59                                     |
| 2005-06 | 1766.85                                     |
| 2006-07 | 1500.00                                     |
| 2007-08 | 1290.00                                     |
| 2008-09 | 8548.64                                     |
| 2009-10 | 2400.00                                     |
| 2010-11 | 3100.00                                     |
| 2011-12 | 1687.96                                     |
| 2012-13 | 625.00                                      |
| 2013-14 | 2163.45                                     |
| 2014-15 | 2086.98                                     |
| 2015-16 | 3100.00                                     |
| 2016-17 | 7226.39                                     |

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**ANNEXURE -B**

Funds disbursed to various TSPs/USPs from USOF during last three years, TSP/USP wise

| Rs. in Crore       |                |                |                |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| USP                | 2014-15        | 2015-16        | 2016-17        |
| BBNL               | 1351.86        | 2415.10        | 5600.00        |
| BSNL               | 731.40         | 678.85         | 1560.19        |
| CSC e-GSIL         |                |                | 35.70          |
| DWL                | 0.04           | 0.93           | 0.00           |
| GTL                |                |                | 0.06           |
| KEC                | 1.53           |                |                |
| RAILTEL            |                | 3.95           | 27.52          |
| RCIL               | 0.21           | 0.05           |                |
| RCL                |                | 0.01           |                |
| RIL                |                |                | 2.53           |
| RML ISPL           | 0.35           | 0.29           |                |
| TATA               |                | 0.53           |                |
| TERI               | 0.68           | 0.30           | 0.40           |
| VECL               | 0.90           |                |                |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>2086.98</b> | <b>3100.00</b> | <b>7226.39</b> |

**ABBREVIATION OF THE USP**

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| BBNL      | Bharat Broadband Network Limited                    |
| BSNL      | Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited                        |
| CSCe-GSIL | CSCe-Governance Services India Limited              |
| DWL       | Dishnet Wireless Limited                            |
| GTL       | GTL Infrastructure Limited                          |
| KEC       | KEC International Limited                           |
| RAIL TEL  | RAIL TEL Corporation Limited                        |
| RCIL      | Reliance Communications Infrastructure Limited      |
| RCL       | Reliance Communications Limited                     |
| RIL       | Reliance Infocomm Limited                           |
| RML ISPL  | Reuters Market Light Information Services Pvt. Ltd. |
| TATA      | TATA  |
| TERI      | The Energy and Resources Institute                  |
| VECL      | Vodafone Essar Cellular Limited                     |

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## Number of villages provided with telecom facility from USOF

| Sl. No. | State/U.T.               | Gram Panchayats lit in BharatNet | No. of Village Public Telephones (VPTs) provided | Mobile Services provided in villages under LWE (Tentative*) |
|---------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|
| 1.      | Andaman & Nicobar        | 0                                | 352  |   |
| 2.      | Andhra Pradesh           | 0                                | 25107  | 81  |
| 3.      | Telangana                | 130                              |  | 258   |
| 4.      | Arunachal Pradesh(NE-II) | 0                                | 2810   |   |
| 5.      | Assam                    | 354                              | 24692  |   |
| 6.      | Bihar                    | 443                              | 38941  | 276   |
| 7.      | Chhattisgarh             | 1264                             | 18328  | 735   |
| 8.      | Gujarat                  | 494                              | 18054  |   |
| 9.      | Haryana                  | 650                              | 6678   |   |
| 10.     | Himachal Pradesh         | 0                                | 16390  |   |
| 11.     | Jammu & Kashmir          | 0                                | 6385   |   |
| 12.     | Jharkhand                | 372                              | 28821  | 1173  |
| 13.     | Karnataka                | 4826                             | 27451  |   |
| 14.     | Kerala                   | 1129                             | 1321   |   |
| 15.     | Madhya Pradesh           | 2588                             | 51986  | 33  |
| 16.     | Maharashtra              | 1618                             | 40544  | 90  |
| 17.     | Manipur (NE-II)          | 26                               | 2174   |   |
| 18.     | Meghalaya (NE-I)         | 0                                | 5290   |   |
| 19.     | Mizoram (NE-I)           | 0                                | 704  |   |
| 20.     | Nagaland (NE-II)         | 0                                | 1263   |   |
| 21.     | Odisha                   | 462                              | 45215  | 372   |
| 22.     | Punjab                   | 237                              | 12065  |   |
| 23.     | Rajasthan                | 1213                             | 39568  |   |
| 24.     | Sikkim                   | 0                                | 429  |   |
| 25.     | Tamil Nadu               | 0                                | 15492  |   |
| 26.     | Tripura (NE-I)           | 79                               | 858  |   |
| 27.     | Uttar Pradesh            | 1413                             | 97852  | 117   |
| 28.     | Uttarakhand              | 288                              | 15271  |   |
| 29.     | West Bengal              | 219                              | 37142  | 144   |
| 30.     | Chandigarh               | 12                               |  |   |
| 31.     | Puducherry               | 101                              |  |   |
|         | Total                    | 17,918                           | 5,81,183   | 3,279   |

\*3279 villages (approx) are covered under the LWE project by installation of 2186 towers out of the 2199 towers planned.

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