

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1500  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2017**

**TELECOM SERVICES IN NAXAL AFFECTED AREAS**

†1500. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the schemes prepared by the Government for extension of telecommunication services in tribal and Naxal affected areas of the country;
- (b) the target fixed and achieved for providing telecommunication services, State-wise/UT-wise;
- (c) the funds allocated/spent by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the action plan chalked out and the target fixed by the Government under the 12th Five Year Plan for expansion of telecommunication services?

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) Following projects have been/are being implemented by the Government for extension of telecommunication services in tribal and Naxal affected areas of the country.

**(i) Mobile Communication Services in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas:** Government had approved a project for the installation of mobile towers in 2355 locations in 10 Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected States i.e. Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. As on date, Government has installed 2,336 mobile towers in 10 Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected States. Rs. 1918.24 crore has been allocated during last three and half years for this project and Rs. 1797.23 crore has been spent till now. State-wise list is at **Annexure-I**.

**(ii) Comprehensive Telecom Development Plan for the North-Eastern Region (NER):** On 10.09.2014, the Government approved a proposal to implement a Comprehensive Telecom Development Plan for the North-Eastern Region (NER) to provide mobile coverage to 8621 identified uncovered villages and along National Highways with an estimated cost of Rs. 5336.18 crore. Project is targeted to be completed by March, 2019. State-wise details are at **Annexure-II**.

**(iii) Comprehensive Telecom Development Plan for Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep Islands:** Comprehensive Telecom Development Plan to provide mobile coverage in 172 uncovered villages and along National Highways and to augment the Satellite Bandwidth for Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep with a total estimated cost of Rs 487.35 Crore is being implemented. The project is targeted to be completed by March, 2019.

The Government has also approved a proposal on 21.09.2016 for provision of Submarine Optical Fibre Cable Connectivity between Mainland (Chennai) and Port Blair and to five other islands namely Car Nicobar, Little Andaman, Havelock, Kamorta and Great Nicobar Islands of Andaman & Nicobar Islands with a Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) of Rs. 880.03 Crore. Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) has been floated on 07.07.2017 and the project is targeted to be completed by March, 2019.

**(iv) BharatNet:** BharatNet is being implemented in a phased manner for providing broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (approx. 2,50,000) in the country with total project cost of Rs. 42,068 Crore which includes Rs. 11,148 Crore for Phase-I and Rs. 30,920 crore for Phase-II and other activities. State-wise details are at **Annexure-III**. The project aims to provide minimum 100 Mbps broadband connection in every Gram Panchayat (GPs). As on date, 87836 GPs are service ready. The project is targeted to be completed by March, 2019.

**State-wise list of mobile towers installed in LWE affected areas**

S. No.	State	No. of Total Locations identified by MHA	No. of Mobile Towers Installed
1.	Andhra Pradesh	62	60
2.	Bihar	250	250
3.	Chhattisgarh	532	520
4.	Jharkhand	816	816
5.	Maharashtra	65	65
6.	Madhya Pradesh	22	22
7.	Odisha	261	256
8.	Telangana	173	173
9.	Uttar Pradesh	78	78
10.	West Bengal	96	96
Total		2355	2336

**Annexure-II****The State-wise details of Comprehensive Telecom Development for NER:**

Sl. No	States	Mobile Coverage of Uncovered villages in NER			Mobile Coverage along National Highway in NER		Transmission Media Plan in NER		Consolidated
		No. of uncovered villages	No. of Tower Planned to be installed	Total Cost (Rs. In Crore)	No. of Towers planned to be installed	Total Cost (Rs. in Crore)	Total length of OFC to be laid (kms)	Total cost (Rs. in Crore) (OFC & Eqpt)	Total Cost (Rs. in Crore)
1	Arunachal Pradesh	2805	1893	1298.82	149	126.64	1587	136.44	1561.90
2	Assam	2503	1874	1489.57	33	27.53	228	25.09	1542.19
3	Manipur	528	384	291.52	53	44.21	172	16.31	352.04
4	Meghalaya	2374	2162	1368.44	11	9.18	124	12.77	1390.39
5	Mizoram	252	227	201.37	19	15.85	747	65.26	282.48
6	Nagaland	134	112	99.47	48	40.04	154	17.57	157.08
7	Tripura	2	2	2.54	7	5.84	76	10.98	19.36
8	Sikkim	23	19	18.36	1	0.83	126	11.55	30.74
	<b>Total</b>	<b>8621</b>	<b>6673</b>	<b>4770.08</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>270.13</b>	<b>3213</b>	<b>295.97</b>	<b>5336.18</b>

**Annexure-III****State-wise status of NOFN (BharatNet) as on 17.12.2017**

S.No	States/ UTs	No. of Gram Panchayats (GPs)- Phase I	Pipe laid (kms.)	Cable laid (in kms)	No. of GPs where Pipe laid	No. of GPs where Cable laid	Service Ready GPs
1	Assam	1533	3998	4196	1436	1363	1219
2	Bihar	5754	13086	13270	5267	4927	4525
3	Chhattisgarh	4104	11616	10290	3689	3389	2411
4.	Haryana	6020	10430	11005	5988	5930	5594
5.	Jammu & Kashmir	388	507	494	252	240	161
6.	Karnataka	6092	12381	12935	6065	6062	6057
7.	Kerala	977	720	830	1129	1129	1129
8.	Madhya Pradesh	12655	36579	35575	12489	11879	8088
9.	Maharashtra	15301	28101	28887	13406	12924	12004
10.	Punjab	8049	10797	11046	7551	7244	3258
11.	Rajasthan	8194	22549	22402	7515	7494	7484
12.	Uttar Pradesh	27974	52988	52998	26935	25334	24090
13.	Uttarakhand	1863	2974	2968	1549	1463	1325
14.	West Bengal	2637	5810	5374	2014	1921	1705
15.	Andaman & Nicobar	69	12	0	11	0	0
16.	Chandigarh	12	18	19	12	12	13
17.	Arunachal Pradesh	863	1559	1079	622	398	14
18.	Nagaland	994	2644	1774	837	544	61
19.	Manipur	904	554	478	247	224	71
20.	Mizoram	763	758	524	138	91	18
21.	Tripura	1021	1706	1680	841	816	455
22.	Meghalaya	1208	1269	557	454	213	72
23.	Gujarat	6905	12351	11788	5592	5216	3231
24.	Puducherry	98	82	92	98	98	101
25.	Andhra Pradesh	1673	2965	766	693	283	0
26.	Telangana	2017	4539	4488	2038	2038	1729
27.	Odisha	3860	9319	8882	3283	3227	1567
28.	Jharkhand	2713	5664	5240	2123	1943	1298
29.	Himachal Pradesh	252	595	553	180	178	156
30.	Daman & Diu	15	11	7	10	05	0
31.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	20	0	0	0	0	0
32.	Sikkim	52	0	0	0	0	0
33.	Lakshadweep	10	0	0	0	0	0
34.	Tamil Nadu	0	0	0	0	0	0
35.	Goa*	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>124990</b>	<b>256582</b>	<b>250197</b>	<b>112464</b>	<b>106585</b>	<b>87836</b>

\*All the GPs of Goa are already connected with Optical Fibre

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