

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 704
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH DECEMBER, 2017**

TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES IN MADHYA PRADESH

†704. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of mobile towers in Madhya Pradesh, district-wise;
- (b) the efforts being made by the Government to make arrangements for installing mobile towers in remote villages of Madhya Pradesh and the time by which the vision of communication revolution is likely to be fulfilled in such villages;
- (c) whether the Government has finalised the project report with regard to the implementation of Bharat Net Project in Madhya Pradesh and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the time by which the said report is likely to be finalised; and
- (d) the fund that is likely to be allocated for the aforementioned project?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The total number of mobile towers in Madhya Pradesh is at **Annexure A**.
- (b) The Department is in the process of preparing a strategy to cover all uncovered inhabited villages having population of 100 or more. The Department of Telecommunications has initiated an exercise to find the uncovered villages through Department's user friendly portal from the states. The Department has developed a user friendly web portal with URL (http://202.56.229.46/TSP_DoT_login.aspx) to enable the Block Development Officers(BDOs) upload the status of connectivity of villages. BDOs are accessing the portal with the help of a unique password, which was sent to them by the Department. They are uploading the status of connectivity of villages, falling within their jurisdiction of the Block. After verification of data, there are 2272 number of uncovered villages in Madhya Pradesh. Once the strategy is finalized, the approval of Telecom Commission/Cabinet will be obtained and work would commence.

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(c) **BharatNet status as on 10.12.2017**

For attaining the vision of Digital India, Bharat Net is being implemented in a phased manner for providing Broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (approx. 2,50,000) in the country. Government approved Bharat Net project (then called National Optical Fibre Network) on 25.10.2011 for effective provision of at least 100 Mbps bandwidth in all the Gram Panchayat (GPs) to be used by all categories of service providers on non-discriminatory basis. The project covered laying of incremental fibre for connecting to the existing BSNL Fibre, and the only media to be used for broadband connection was underground Optical Fibre Cable (OFC). A Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) viz. Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL) was established on 25.02.2012 with the objective to create, operate, maintain and manage BharatNet infrastructure. BBNL is getting the project executed through three CPSUs viz. BSNL, RailTel and Powergrid.

To address the shortcomings in the initial plan, on 19.07.2017, Government approved a modified strategy for implementing BharatNet in three Phases:

Phase-I - 1, 00,000 GPs under implementation, being executed by 3 CPSEs viz. BSNL, RailTel and PGCIL.

Phase-II- – The remaining 1,50,000 GPs (approx.) are targeted to be implemented by March 2019.

Phase-III- – To upgrade the network to meet the future requirements.

The implementation of the Phase-II is being done through States and private sector, in addition to CPSUs, as well as the connectivity is to be provided through an optimal mix of underground/ aerial OFC, radio and satellite media. Further, last mile connectivity, through Wi-Fi or any other suitable broadband technology, is to be provided to cover all the approx. 2,50,000 GPs in the country.

In Madhya Pradesh Bharat Net Phase – I is being under implementation through BSNL for 12,655 GPs and on 10.12.2017, 11,870 GPs have been connected by laying 35,450 Kms underground OFC. The number of service ready GPs is 6921. Balance 10,321 GPs will be covered in BharatNet Phase-II and will be implemented through BSNL.

(d) Government has approved the project at a total estimated cost of Rs. 42,068 Crore (exclusive of GST, octroi and local taxes) which includes Rs. 11,148 Crore for Phase-I and Rs. 30,920 crore for Phase-II and other activities, to be funded from USOF.

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			Annexure A
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State	District	No. of Towers	No. of BTS
Madhya Pradesh	AGAR	46	74
	ALIRAJPUR	43	75
	ANUPPUR	161	459
	ASHOKNAGAR	225	522
	BALAGHAT	368	1018
	BARWANI	267	775
	BETUL	471	1346
	BHIND	125	221
	BHOPAL	1528	5652
	BURHANPUR	115	439
	CHHATARPUR	667	1568
	CHHINDWARA	572	1743
	DAMOH	340	1017
	DATIA	470	1382
	DEWAS	508	1678
	DHAR	695	2349
	DINDORI	66	159
	GUNA	424	1186
	GWALIOR	1013	3486
	HARDA	154	535
	HOSHANGABAD	515	1597
	INDORE	2111	7368
	JABALPUR	1011	3735
	JHABUA	325	953
	KATNI	361	1146
	KHANDWA	396	1170
	KHARGONE	511	1473
	MANDLA	232	639
	MANDSAUR	501	1527
	MORENA	648	1838
	NARSINGHPUR	323	963
	NEEMUCH	237	808
	PANNA	277	663
RAISEN	381	1266	
RAJGARH	406	1128	
RATLAM	494	1618	
REWA	579	1961	

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	SAGAR	769	2254
	SATNA	669	2111
	SEHORE	405	1265
	SEONI	329	947
	SHAHDOL	395	1169
	SHAJAPUR	426	1230
	SHEOPUR	129	350
	SHIVPURI	562	1394
	SIDHI	417	1293
	SINGRAULI	96	228
	TIKAMGARH	331	1005
	UJJAIN	786	2721
	UMARIA	155	414
	VIDISHA	433	1280
	Grand Total	23468	73198
