

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4311  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2018**

**TELECOM FACILITIES IN RURAL AREAS OF UTTAR PRADESH**

4311. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the schemes for providing new telecom facilities in the rural areas of Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) the total number of villages in the State where Wireless Local Loop (WLL) services have been provided especially in rural schools;
- (c) the number of villages where no telecom facilities exist and the steps taken by the Government to provide such facilities in those villages;
- (d) the districts in the said State where telephone lines have been laid but not activated and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) BharatNet for providing broadband connectivity to all the Gram Panchayats and scheme for mobile communications services in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas are ongoing new telecom projects in the rural areas of Uttar Pradesh.

(b) 51906 villages in Uttar Pradesh have been provided with Wireless Local Loop (WLL) services.

(c) According to data collected from Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) in 2014, it is estimated that there are 160 villages, out of 97814 villages which are uncovered with mobile services. At present, the Department has the following programmes for provision of telecom services in left out villages/areas of the country:

**(i) Mobile Communication Services in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas:** Department has installed 78 mobile towers in LWE affected areas of Uttar Pradesh under LWE Phase-I. Department has also received a list of 179 mobile locations from the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) in LWE affected areas of Uttar Pradesh. Telecom Commission, in its meeting held on 21.12.2017, has recommended the proposal for installing 179 mobile towers in Uttar Pradesh in LWE Phase-II.

**(ii) BharatNet:** BharatNet is being implemented in a phased manner for providing broadband connectivity to all the Gram Panchayats (approx. 51,581) in Uttar Pradesh.

(d) & (e) Nil.

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