GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.6149 TO BE ANSWERED ON 4TH APRIL, 2018

MOBILE TOWERS IN TRIBAL AREAS OF RAJASTHAN

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to install towers in Uplagarh and Nichlagarh tribal Panchayat area of Pindwaras, Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of villages in the country where joint service centres are planned to be opened in collaboration with rural entrepreneurs, State/UT-wise along with the region-wise details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) plans to install mobile Base Transceiver Stations (BTSs) at Uplagarh Village Panchayat of Pindwara in Rajasthan by December, 2018, while at present there is no plan for mobile BTS at Nichlagarh Village Panchayat of Pindwara in Rajasthan.

(c) At present, no Joint Service Centres Project is under consideration to be opened in collaboration with the rural entrepreneurs. However, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India (Gol), has initiated a project namely "Common Services Centre (CSC) 2.0" in August, 2015 under Digital India Programme for a period of four years (by August, 2019), which aimed to set up at least one CSC at Gram Panchayat (GP) level to cover all the 2.5 lakh GPs across the country. The project is being implemented through M/s CSC e-Governance Services India Limited (a Special Purpose Vehicle of MeitY).

The key objective of CSCs is to deliver various citizen centric services, such as, Government to Citizen (G2C), Business to Citizen (B2C) services, financial inclusion services, educational services, skill development services etc. The implementation principle of CSC 2.0 is completely based on a service delivery/transaction oriented self-sustainable entrepreneurship model, with the objective to enable non-discriminatory access to e-Services to citizens, especially in rural areas.

As on 28.02.2018, a total of 2,92,481 Common Services Centres (CSCs) are functioning across the country, out of which 1,83,184 CSCs are at Gram Panchayat (GP) level. State/UT-wise number of CSCs in the country is at **Annexure.**

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STATE/UT-WISE STATUS OF CSCs AS ON 28 FEBRUARY, 2018				
S. No.	State	No. of Gram Panchayat (GP)	Total No. of CSCs working in region	No. of CSCs at GP
1	Andhra Pradesh	12917	7951	4391
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1814	76	59
3	Assam	2548	3117	2435
4	Bihar	8315	22611	14231
5	Chhattisgarh	10948	12780	9014
6	Goa	191	48	37
7	Gujarat	14085	14586	7983
8	Haryana	6205	9318	5784
9	Himachal Pradesh	3226	2944	2269
10	Jammu & Kashmir	4167	2046	1567
11	Jharkhand	4398	11397	6785
12	Karnataka	6021	6308	3112
13	Kerala	939	2499	1371
14	Madhya Pradesh	22771	20835	14976
15	Maharashtra	27977	32325	21795
16	Manipur	165	677	334
17	Meghalaya	1463	217	90
18	Mizoram	713	145	116
19	Nagaland	1203	157	122
20	Odisha	6804	8398	6690
21	Punjab	12922	6653	4260
22	Rajasthan	9883	14425	9648
23	Sikkim	176	32	26
24	Tamil Nadu	12507	9542	5289
25	Telangana	8687	5938	3335
26	Tripura	1178	460	380
27	Uttar Pradesh	59018	70916	43825
28	Uttarakhand	7957	5088	4460
29	West Bengal	3328	18394	8657
	State Total	<mark>252526</mark>	<mark>289883</mark>	<mark>183041</mark>
	Union Territory			
1	Andaman & Nicobar	70	56	24
2	Chandigarh	12	83	24
3	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	20	27	12
4	Daman and Diu	14	13	2
5	Delhi	0	2276	0
6	Lakshadweep	10	8	3
7	Puducherry	98	135	78
•	UT Total	224	2598	143
	GRAND TOTAL	252750	292481	183184
