

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 750
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH FEBRUARY, 2018**

MOBILE TOWERS IN LWE AFFECTED AREAS OF BIHAR

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of places identified by the Government for installation of mobile towers in Naxal affected areas of Bihar;
- (b) the number of places where such mobile towers have already been installed so far;
- (c) the number of identified places where such towers have not been installed along with the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps 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) For installation of mobile towers in Naxal affected areas of Bihar under Left Wing Extremism (LWE) project, 250 locations in phase-I and 412 locations in phase-II have been identified.
- (b) 250 mobile towers have been installed in Naxal affected areas of Bihar under Left Wing Extremism (LWE) project in phase-I.
- (c) & (d) After installation of 2329 mobile towers under LWE Phase-I, the Department has received an additional requirement from the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) for setting up 4,072 mobile towers (including 412 mobile towers in Bihar) in LWE affected areas under phase-II. Telecom Commission, in its meeting held on 21.12.2017, has recommended the proposal of installing 4072 mobile towers at the locations identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) in LWE affected areas. The matter is now being processed for seeking Cabinet approval.
