

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 806
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH FEBRUARY, 2018**

MOBILE TOWERS IN LWE AFFECTED AREAS

806. SHRI BAIJAYANT JAY PANDA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of mobile towers already installed in areas affected by Left Wing Extremism(LWE), State/UT-wise;
- (b) the number of mobile towers proposed to be installed in such areas, State/ UT-wise; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to expedite the installation of mobile towers in LWE affected areas and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The number of mobile towers already installed under Left Wing Extremism (LWE) Phase I scheme in areas affected by LWE is given below:

S. No.	State	No. of Locations identified by MHA	Installed Towers
1.	Andhra Pradesh	62	56
2.	Bihar	250	250
3.	Chhattisgarh	532	519
4.	Jharkhand	816	816
5.	Maharashtra	65	65
6.	Madhya Pradesh	22	22
7.	Odisha	261	256
8.	Telangana	173	171
9.	Uttar Pradesh	78	78
10.	West Bengal	96	96
Total		2355	2329

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(b) State wise list of number of mobile towers proposed to be installed in such areas under LWE Phase-II is as below:

	State	No. of Districts	No. of Mobile Towers
1	Andhra Pradesh	8	429
2	Bihar	8	412
3	Chhattisgarh	16	1028
4	Jharkhand	21	1054
5	Madhya Pradesh	1	26
6	Maharashtra	2	136
7	Odisha	18	483
8	Telengana	14	118
9	Uttar Pradesh	3	179
10	West Bengal	5	207
	Total	96	4072

(c) After successful implementation of LWE Phase-I mobile tower project, Department has received an additional requirement from Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) for provisioning of 4,072 mobile towers in LWE affected areas. Telecom Commission, in its meeting dated 21.12.2017, has recommended the proposal of installing 4072 mobile towers at locations identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) in LWE affected areas with a viability gap funding of Rs. 7,330 crore from the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF). The matter is now being processed for seeking Cabinet approval.
