

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 897
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH FEBRUARY, 2018**

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM USOF

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to allocate funds from Universal Service Obligation Funds (USOF) to mobile companies for providing telecom services in the remote areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total funds allocated to various mobile companies from these funds during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (d) the State-wise number of villages, provided with telecom facilities under the USOF?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Yes Madam. Subsidies are provided to mobile companies for mobile connectivity in inaccessible, rural and remote areas of the country including North Eastern Region, Left Wing Extremism Affected areas, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep from Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF). Subsidy disbursed to various Mobile companies from USOF under different projects during the last three years and current year is enclosed as **Annexure-A**.

(d) The State-wise number of villages, provided with telecom facilities under the USOF is enclosed as **Annexure-B**.

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Subsidy disbursed to various Mobile companies from USOF under different projects during the last three years and current year

Rs. in crore

Sl. No.	Mobile Companies	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
1.	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited	731.40	678.85	1560.83	567.58
2.	Dishnet Wireless Limited	0.04	0.93		
3.	Reliance Communication Limited		0.01		
4.	Reliance Infocomm Limited			2.53	
5.	Tata Teleservices Limited		0.53		
6.	Vodafone Essar Cellular Limited	0.90			

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ANNEXURE –B

The State-wise number of villages, provided with telecom facilities under the Universal Service Obligation Fund

Sl. No.	States	Number of Villages
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	352
2.	Andhra Pradesh	25107
3.	Assam	24692
4.	Bihar	38941
5.	Chhattisgarh	18328
6.	Gujarat	18054
7.	Haryana	6678
8.	Himachal Pradesh	17408
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	6385
10.	Jharkhand	28821
11.	Karnataka	27451
12.	Kerala	1372
13.	Madhya Pradesh	51986
14.	Maharashtra	40654
15.	Meghalaya	5300
16.	Mizoram	704
17.	Tripura	858
18.	Arunachal Pradesh	2810
19.	Manipur	2174
20.	Nagaland	1263
21.	Odisha	45215
22.	Punjab	12065
23.	Rajasthan	39568
24.	Tamil Nadu	15492
25.	Uttar Pradesh	97852
26.	Uttarakhand	15381
27.	West Bengal	37571
	Total	582482
