

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

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 08  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2018**

**MOBILE SERVICES IN NAXAL AFFECTED STATES**

†\*8. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:  
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the efforts made by the Government in providing mobile telephone services in naxal affected States during the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to provide mobile services at 4072 tower locations identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs;
- (c) if so, the details of the progress made in this regard, State-wise; and
- (d) the funds sanctioned and utilised under this scheme so far, State-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

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**STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. \*08 FOR 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2018 ON “MOBILE SERVICES IN NAXAL AFFECTED STATES”.**

(a) In order to provide mobile telephony services in the States affected by Left Wing Extremism (LWE), Phase-I of the project for providing the mobile connectivity has been implemented through Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) at 2355 tower locations as identified by Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). The implementation status of the project is as below:

Sr.	State	No. of Locations identified by MHA	Radiating
1.	Andhra Pradesh	62	58
2.	Bihar	250	250
3.	Chhattisgarh	532	521
4.	Jharkhand	816	816
5.	Maharashtra	65	65
6.	Madhya Pradesh	22	22
7.	Odisha	261	256
8.	Telangana	173	173
9.	Uttar Pradesh	78	78
10.	West Bengal	96	96
<b>Total</b>		<b>2355</b>	<b>2335</b>

(b) & (c) Yes, the Government has approved Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected area Phase II scheme to provide mobile services at 4072 MHA identified locations in Left Wing Extremism affected areas. Detailed Project Report (DPR) for LWE Phase II scheme is being prepared. Implementation of project will commence after selection of implementing agencies.

(d) The funds sanctioned and spent by the Government in this regards are as below:

Sr.	Name of Project	Sanctioned Amount	Amount spent as on 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
1	LWE Phase-I project	Rs. 4,081 Cr.	Rs. 2267 Crore
2	LWE Phase-II project	Rs. 7,330 Cr. Plus taxes	Work is yet to commence

State-wise sanctioned and utilized funds, so far, are given under:

Sr.	State	Project Cost (Rs. Crore)	Funds sanctioned & utilized up to 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 (Rs. Crore)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	129	56
2.	Bihar	443	243
3.	Chhattisgarh	634	506
4.	Jharkhand	1470	792
5.	Maharashtra	116	63
6.	Madhya Pradesh	41	21
7.	Odisha	607	249
8.	Telangana	312	168
9.	Uttar Pradesh	150	76
10.	West Bengal	179	93
<b>Total</b>		<b>4081</b>	<b>2267</b>