GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1318
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th JULY, 2018
MOBILE FACILITY IN JHARKHAND

†1318. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a)   whether measures are being taken by the Government to provide mobile phone facility in Palamu, Garhwa, Latehar and Gumla districts of Jharkhand under universal service obligation fund;

(b)   if so, the details thereof including the number of such mobile phone connections provided during the last three years; and

(c)   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)   Yes Madam.

(b)   USOF/DoT is implementing a project to provide mobile connectivity in the uncovered and inhabited villages of Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas. The mobile tower locations for this project are identified and provided by Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

1.   In LWE Phase-I Project, total 816 towers were installed in Jharkhand Circle. Out of 816 towers, 188 towers are in Palamu, Latehar, Garhwa and Gumla Districts of Jharkhand.

The District wise details of Mobile phone connections provided:

		Year-wise Mobile Connections			Mobile Connection District wise
District	No. of Towers	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	
Latehar	59	6025	8952	7093	22070
Garhwa	5	715	917	927	2559
Palamu	71	7251	10772	9542	27565
Gumla	53	5412	8041	7509	20963
Total	188	19403	28682	25071	73156

2.   Subsequently the LWE Phase-II project for providing mobile connectivity in inhabited and uncovered villages in 4072 MHA identified tower locations of Left Wing Extremism affected areas at an estimated cost of Rs. 7,330/- crores plus applicable taxes has been approved by the Cabinet on 23-05-2018. The number of tower locations planned in this project for Palamu, Garhwa and Gumla districts of Jharkhand is as below.

LWE Phase-II	Palamu	Garhwa	Latehar	Gumla
Mobile towers locations planned	35	97	17	52

(c) Not Applicable.

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