

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2422
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1ST AUGUST, 2018**

MOBILE TOWERS AND POST OFFICES IN NAXAL AFFECTED AREAS

†2422. DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR RAY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up mobile towers and post offices in the erstwhile naxal infested areas and now naxal free areas Bangakhalar and Dangarnawa under Domchanch division of Kodarma district of Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any requests from the public representatives or others for setting up of mobile towers at the above mentioned places; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b)

- (i) Department of Telecom is implementing LWE Project with funding from USOF for provision of mobile services in Left Wing Extremism(LWE) affected area at locations identified by Ministry of Home(MHA).

Cabinet has approved LWE Phase II scheme to provide mobile services at 4072 MHA identified locations in LWE affected area with estimated cost of Rs 7330 Crore. Domchanch in Koderma District has been identified by MHA for provisioning mobile connectivity under the LWE Phase-II Project.

- (ii) There is a proposal to open Branch Post Offices (BOs) in identified LWE districts of the country. As on date, there is no proposal to open new Post Offices in Bangakhalar and Dangarnawa under Domchanch division of Kodarma district of Jharkhand.

A total number of 1,789 Branch Post Offices (BOs) are proposed to be opened in 32 worst affected LWE districts during the year 2018-19 subject to availability of funds.

(c) & (d) The list of locations for provisioning of mobile services is identified and provided by MHA for LWE affected areas..
