GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2941
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH JULY, 2019

COMMUNICATION NETWORK COVERAGE IN MADHYA PRADESH

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a)	whether the Government has any data regarding communication network coverage in Madhya Pradesh;

(b)	if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and

(c)	the steps taken or being taken by the Government to increase communication network coverage in remote forest areas of the said State?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS, LAW & JUSTICE AND
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(a) & (b)	A communication network basically includes telephone penetration (wireless and wireline) in rural and urban areas of the country. As the licenses are given service area wise, therefore the data is also maintained in the Department service area wise and not district wise. The number of connections, teledensity (percentage of population covered) and the percentage share of Madhya Pradesh Service Area in total number of connections in India as on 30th April 2019 are as under:

Service Area	Number of connections (in Million)					Teledensity (in %)	Share of Madhya Pradesh in Total telephone connection in India (in %)
	Rural	Urban	Total	Wireline	Wireless		
Madhya Pradesh	34.39	41.68	76.07	0.92	75.15	70.36	6.43

Note: Madhya Pradesh service area includes the state of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.

(c)	USOF is implementing projects to provide mobile connectivity in remote and rural uncovered areas. A project to provide mobile service in LWE (Left Wing Extremism) affected areas of Madhya Pradesh is being implemented. Under Phase-I of this project 22 towers have been set up and are radiating. Under Phase-II a provision has been made to install 36 towers in the State out of which 26 are in Balaghat and 10 in Mandla District.

In addition, under the flagship programme BharatNet, the Government plans to create network infrastructure for providing Broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (GPs) (approx. 2,50,000) in the country, including Madhya Pradesh. As on 1st July 2019, a total of 22,911 Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the State of Madhya Pradesh have been connected, out of which 12,725 GPs have been made service ready.

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