

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION No. 208
FOR ANSWER ON 21st DECEMBER, 2022**

**INSTALLATION OF MOBILE TOWERS IN OUTER
MANIPUR**

***208. SHRI LORHO S. PFOZE:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the efforts being made by the Government for installation of mobile towers in remote villages of Outer Manipur which fall within the shadow areas;
- (b) the details of the specific action plan being prepared in this regard; and
- (c) the details of the efforts made in this direction, during the last three years especially for communication and vigil in remote border areas?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS &
ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

- (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 208 FOR 21st DECEMBER, 2022 REGARDING “INSTALLATION OF MOBILE TOWERS IN OUTER MANIPUR”

(a) & (b) Mobile services are provided in a phased manner by the Telecom Service Providers and the Government in the uncovered villages of the country. As of now, total 2,581 mobile towers (involving 7,518 Base Transceiver Stations) have been installed in Manipur by Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) which include 404 mobile towers installed under Universal Service Obligation Fund scheme (including 402 towers in the Districts of Outer Manipur).

Further, the Union Cabinet on 27.07.2022 approved a project for saturation of 4G mobile services in uncovered villages across the country at a total cost of Rs. 26,316 Cr. The project will provide 4G mobile services in 24,680 uncovered villages in remote and difficult areas. In addition, 6,279 villages having only 2G/3G connectivity shall be upgraded to 4G. The project is being executed by BSNL using Atmanirbhar Bharat's 4G technology stack. Under this project, 287 uncovered villages of Manipur (including 157 uncovered villages of Districts of Outer Manipur) have been included. In addition, 73 villages in Manipur (including 33 villages of Districts of Outer Manipur) having only 2G/3G connectivity are planned for upgradation to 4G.

(c) During last three financial years, total 839 towers have been installed in Manipur (including 566 towers in the Districts of Outer Manipur) by Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) and under the scheme of Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF).
