

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4667
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH MARCH, 2023**

MOBILE TOWERS IN ANDHRA PRADESH

**4667. SHRI N. REDDEPPA:
SHRIMATI GODDETI MADHAVI:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the mobile towers in Andhra Pradesh in 2022, district-wise;
- (b) whether there are plans for the installation of new mobile towers in rural areas of Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has allocated any funds from the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) towards improving infrastructure in any parts of Andhra Pradesh;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the details of the schemes that the Government has adopted for providing mobile services in Tribal and remote areas and Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)**

(a) District wise number of Mobile Towers in Andhra Pradesh State (as on 31-12-2022) attached at **Annexure-I**

(b) to (f) Government is implementing various schemes under Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) to enhance telecom connectivity in the rural, remote, tribal and Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas of the country including Andhra Pradesh. The details of the schemes are attached at **Annexure-II**.

Government has allocated funds from the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) towards improving infrastructure in rural areas of Andhra Pradesh. The details of the funds are as below:

Sr No	Scheme name	Funds Outlay for AP (Cr)	Total villages under the scheme
1	LWE Phase I	108	62
2	LWE Phase II	299	346
3	Aspirational Districts	603	1,218
4	4G Saturation Scheme	2,825	3,163
5	Bharat Net Scheme	875	5206(Gram Panchayats)

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply of part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4667 to be answered on 29th March, 2023 raised by Hon'ble Member of Parliament regarding "Mobile Towers in Andhra Pradesh"

District wise details of Mobile Towers in Andhra Pradesh as on 31-12-2022

SI No	Name of District	No of Mobile Towers
1	Alluri Sitharama Raju	10
2	Anakapalli	7
3	Ananthapur	2570
4	Annamayya	17
5	Bapatla	16
6	Chittoor	2556
7	Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Konaseema	3
8	East Godavari	2299
9	Eluru	9
10	Guntur	2516
11	Kakinada	18
12	Krishna	2449
13	Kurnool	2037
14	Nandyal	27
15	Ntr	11
16	Palnadu	18
17	Parvathipuram Manyam	3
18	Prakasam	1678
19	Sri Potti Sriramulu Nellore	1480
20	Sri Sathya Sai	19
21	Srikakulam	1178
22	Tirupati	34
23	Visakhapatnam	2521
24	Vizianagaram	1035
25	West Godavari	1921
26	Y S R	1695
	Total	26127

Annexure referred to in reply of part (b) to (f) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4667 to be answered on 29th March, 2023 raised by Hon'ble Member of Parliament regarding "Mobile Towers in Andhra Pradesh"

Details of schemes/projects to improve the communication network/system in rural, tribal and hilly areas across the country:

- i. Under LWE Phase-I scheme, 2,343 mobile towers have been installed in LWE areas which including 96 mobile towers of the State of West Bengal and are providing services. Under LWE Phase-II scheme, 2,542 mobile towers at Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) identified locations are approved across the LWE States;
- ii. Scheme for providing mobile connectivity in 354 villages of uncovered border areas including Ladakh and Kargil Region, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and other priority areas.;
- iii. Comprehensive Telecom Development Plan for mobile connectivity in the North Eastern Region to provide mobile coverage in uncovered villages and along with the National Highways;
- iv. Scheme for providing 4G mobile connectivity in 502 uncovered villages of Aspirational Districts in four States, namely, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan;
- v. Scheme for provisioning of 4G based Mobile service in 7287 uncovered villages of Aspirational Districts of 5 States Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra and Odisha;
- vi. Laying of submarine optical fibre cable between Chennai and Andaman & Nicobar Islands for providing connectivity to Andaman & Nicobar Islands;
- vii. Submarine OFC connectivity between Kochi and Lakshadweep Islands.
- viii. Mobile connectivity to cover uncovered villages and along National Highway (NH 223) in Andaman & Nicobar Islands;
- ix. USOF 4G Saturation Scheme to cover 24,680 uncovered villages with 4G and 6,279 villages having 2G/3G connectivity are to be upgraded to 4G.
- x. BharatNet project to create network to connect all the Gram Panchayats and villages with broadband infrastructure.
