

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2709  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2019**

**MOBILE NETWORK IN ARUNACHAL PRADESH**

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to enhance the mobile networks in the eastern most region of Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Arunachal Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the private Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) are reluctant to operate in these locations due to lack of economic viability and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide mobile network to villagers residing in the aforesaid region and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS, LAW & JUSTICE AND  
ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)**

(a) to (d) The Government through Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) scheme, under Comprehensive Telecom Development Plan for the North-Eastern Region (NER) has planned to provide mobile services in 2215 uncovered villages of Arunachal Pradesh including the villages in eastern most region of Line of Actual Control (LAC). Further, the work of installation of 149 mobile towers along National Highways has also been taken up.

As on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2019, there are 2623 Base Transceiver Stations (BTS) of private Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) operating in state of Arunachal Pradesh. Private TSPs continue to explore the possibility of expanding coverage to the uncovered areas depending on various techno-commercial considerations.

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