

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3725
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH DECEMBER, 2019**

BTS IN UTTARAKHAND

†3725. SHRI AJAY TAMTA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of operational Base Transceiver Station (BTS) in the State of Uttarakhand are as per the requirement and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (b) whether the Government will make efforts to increase the number of Base Transceiver Stations (BTS) for expanding mobile connectivity in Uttarakhand;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard along with the names of the places where new BTS are likely to be installed; and
- (d) the district-wise number of BTS presently working in Uttarakhand?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS,
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE)**

- (a) The Government has taken several policy initiatives to facilitate infrastructure growth which include permitting trading/sharing/ liberalisation of spectrum, permitting passive & active infrastructure sharing, notification of Right of Way Rules 2016, making available government land/buildings for installations of towers etc. As a result, around 15.57 lakh additional Base Transceiver Stations (BTSs) for 2G/3G/4G-LTE services have been added by Telecom Service Providers(TSPs) during the period from April 2014 (6.49 lakh BTS) to 30th November, 2019 (22.06 lakh BTS) and 1.67 lakh mobile towers have been added during the period from Dec' 2015 (4.15 lakh) to 30th November 2019 (5.82 lakh mobile towers) across the country. In the state of Uttarakhand, 25523 numbers of BTSs are operational as on 30.11.2019 & number of Mobile towers is 5878 as detailed at **Annexure-I** . Further, new BTSs are installed by Telecom Service Providers to improve coverage and/or capacity of their networks based on their techno-commercial requirements on continuous basis.

(b) & (c) The Government has planned to cover all uncovered villages in a phased manner, utilizing the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF). Provision of Mobile Services in Uncovered Areas of J&K and Ladakh region and part of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand States and other priority areas are being covered under 354 Uncovered Villages Schemes Project. Department of Telecom has floated a tender dated 17.10.2019 on technology neutral and outcome based approach for the provisioning of Mobile Services in these 354 uncovered villages including 28 villages of Uttarakhand as detailed at **Annexure-II**.

(d) The district-wise number of BTS presently working in Uttarakhand is given at **Annexure-III**.

Annexure referred to in reply of para (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3725 to be answered on 11th December, 2019 raised by Hon'ble Member of Parliament Shri Ajay Tamta, regarding "BTS in Uttarakhand"

District-wise number of Mobile towers in Uttarakhand						
Sl. No.	District Name	Ground based	Roof based	Cell On-Wheels	Others (LPBTS & Wall-mount)	Total Towers (as on 05.12.2019)
1	Almora	229	34	0	2	265
2	Bageshwar	90	1	0	0	91
3	Chamoli	168	27	0	0	195
4	Champawat	112	7	0	0	119
5	Dehradun	883	566	69	323	1841
6	Haridwar	756	278	25	191	1250
7	Nainital	494	132	18	36	680
8	Pauri	309	33	1	3	346
9	Pithoragarh	165	34	2	0	201
10	Rudrapur	120	4	0	0	124
11	Tehri	331	28	2	5	366
12	Udham Singh Nagar	141	23	1	64	229
13	Uttarakashi	152	18	1	0	171
	Grand Total	3950	1185	119	624	5878

Annexure referred to in reply of para (b)& (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3725 to be answered on 11th December, 2019 raised by Hon'ble Member of Parliament Shri Ajay Tamta, regarding "BTS in Uttarakhand"

S.N.	State	District	Block	Village
1.	Uttarakhand	Chamoli	Joshimath	Bampa
2.	Uttarakhand	Chamoli	Joshimath	Farkiagaon
3.	Uttarakhand	Chamoli	Joshimath	Garpak
4.	Uttarakhand	Chamoli	Joshimath	Gurguti
5.	Uttarakhand	Chamoli	Joshimath	Jalam
6.	Uttarakhand	Chamoli	Joshimath	Jumma
7.	Uttarakhand	Chamoli	Joshimath	KagaLaggaDronagiri
8.	Uttarakhand	Chamoli	Joshimath	Kailashpur
9.	Uttarakhand	Chamoli	Joshimath	khiron
10.	Uttarakhand	Chamoli	Joshimath	Sukhi
11.	Uttarakhand	Chamoli	Joshimath	Tolma
12.	Uttarakhand	Champawat	Champawat	Bastiya
13.	Uttarakhand	Champawat	Champawat	Birgola
14.	Uttarakhand	Champawat	Champawat	Chuka
15.	Uttarakhand	Champawat	Champawat	Mosta
16.	Uttarakhand	Champawat	Champawat	Ninori
17.	Uttarakhand	Champawat	Champawat	Tarkuli
18.	Uttarakhand	Champawat	Lohaghat	Matiyani
19.	Uttarakhand	Pithoragarh	Dharchula	DAR
20.	Uttarakhand	Pithoragarh	Dharchula	Jipti
21.	Uttarakhand	Pithoragarh	Dharchula	Sirkha
22.	Uttarakhand	Pithoragarh	Dharchula	SOVALA
23.	Uttarakhand	Pithoragarh	Munakot	Katiyani
24.	Uttarakhand	Pithoragarh	Munakot	Tarigaon
25.	Uttarakhand	Pithoragarh	Munsiari	BONA
26.	Uttarakhand	Pithoragarh	Munsiari	Bilju
27.	Uttarakhand	Pithoragarh	Munsiari	Milam
28.	Uttarakhand	Uttarkashi	Mori	Monda

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Sr. No.	Name of the District	Total number of BTS presently working in District as on 30.11.2019
1	Almora	896
2	Bageshwar	263
3	Chamoli	744
4	Champawat	397
5	Dehradun	7113
6	Haridwar	3968
7	Nainital	3223
8	PauriGarhwal	1782
9	Pithoragarh	641
10	Rudraprayag	443
11	TehriGharwal	1303
12	Udham Singh Nagar	4182
13	Uttarkashi	568
Grand Total		25523
