

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 607
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH FEBRUARY, 2020**

MOBILE TOWERS IN MAHARASHTRA

†607. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government is considering to install more mobile towers of BSNL for better connectivity in Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg districts of Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by which these mobile towers are likely to be installed?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) BSNL is continuously adding new equipments and upgrading its existing mobile network in both rural and urban areas in all of its Licensed Service Areas (LSAs) including Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg districts of Maharashtra state to improve its mobile coverage. BSNL has informed that in its Phase VIII.4 mobile expansion plan, out of total planned 76 Base Transceiver Stations (BTSs) in Sindhudurg district and 66 BTSs in Ratnagiri district, 48 BTSs and 49 BTSs respectively have been installed so far. The installation work of all remaining BTSs will be completed in financial year 2020-21.
