

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1692
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2020**

MOBILE AND DATA CONNECTIVITY IN ODISHA

1692. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are specific plans for States like Odisha which is having low Tele-density to improve connectivity in the State and if so, details thereof;
- (b) the number of Gram Panchayats in undivided Koraput District of Odisha where there is no mobile connectivity;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to provide mobile connectivity in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government is having any plan to improve quality of data connectivity in rural areas and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the plan proposed by the Government to increase data connectivity in Left-Wing Extremism affected areas?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes Sir. Details are given below:

Sl. No. (1)	USOF scheme (2)	No. of Districts in Odisha under the scheme (3)	No. of Towers in Odisha under the scheme (4)	No. of Towers in Koraput District under the scheme (5)
1	Left Wing Extremism (LWE) Phase-I	21	256	27
2	Left Wing Extremism (LWE) Phase-II	5	158	60
3	Aspirational District scheme	10	3933	520

- (b) In 202 Gram Panchayats of Undivided Koraput District, there is no mobile connectivity.
- (c) Steps as taken are given in column (5) of the table provided in part (a) above.
- (d) Yes, Sir. 4G technology for mobile coverage by Telecom Service Providers and broadband connectivity in Gram Panchayats through BharatNet project are providing improved quality of data connectivity in rural areas.
- (e) USOF scheme “Left Wing Extremism (LWE) Phase-II” is approved to increase data connectivity in left wing extremism affected areas.
