

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 123
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH FEBRUARY, 2021**

MOBILE TOWERS IN RURAL AREAS OF BIHAR

†*123. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of villages in the rural areas of Bihar including Bhagalpur district where telecom towers have been installed during each of the last two years and the current year, telecommunication company-wise; and
- (b) the region-wise number of such towers targeted for installation in the rural areas during the next financial year for improvement in telecom facilities there?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) & (b) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 123 FOR 10th FEBRUARY, 2021 REGARDING “MOBILE TOWERS IN RURAL AREAS OF BIHAR”

(a) Sir, telecommunication company-wise details of total number of villages in the rural areas of Bihar including Bhagalpur district where telecom towers have been installed during each of the last two years and the current year is provided at **Annexure-A**.

(b) Region-wise/ district-wise number of telecom towers targeted for installation in the rural areas during the next financial year is provided at **Annexure-B**.

Telecommunication company-wise details of total number of villages in the rural areas of Bihar including Bhagalpur district where telecom towers have been installed during each of the last two years and the current year

S No	Name of the TSP installing BTS on Towers	Total no. of Villages in Rural Area of Bihar where Towers have been installed during			Total no. of Villages in Rural Area of Bhagalpur where Towers have been installed during		
		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
1	BSNL	312	18	1	10	1	0
2	Airtel	441	1091	1113	8	24	29
3	VIL	277	325	4	17	28	1
4	RJIL	2424	2208	1265	60	42	49

Legend:

- BSNL** - Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited
- VIL** - Vodafone Idea Ltd
- RJIL** - Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited

Notes:

1. The towers are installed by Infrastructure Providers and are utilized by TSPs for installation of BTSs.
2. BTS i.e. Base Transceiver Station consist of the antennae and the corresponding electronic equipment which sends and receives mobile signals for providing mobile connectivity.
3. More than one BTS can be installed on a single tower by different Telecom Service Providers (TSPs).

Telecom towers targeted for installation in the rural areas of Bihar during the next financial year

S No	Name of District	No of Towers to be installed in the financial year 2021-22
1	Araria	77
2	Arrah	50
3	Aurangabad	99
4	Begusarai	64
5	West Champaran	54
6	Bhagalpur	90
7	Nalanda	73
8	Buxar	94
9	Saran	80
10	Darbhanga	74
11	Rohtas	65
12	Gaya	33
13	Gopalganj	48
14	Vaishali	90
15	Munger	35
16	Jamui	11
17	Jehanabad	53
18	Katihar	59
19	Khagaria	48
20	Kishanganj	42
21	Lakhisarai	19

22	Madhubani	154
23	East Champaran	124
24	Muzaffarpur	127
25	Nawada	44
26	Patna	65
27	Purnia	83
28	Saharsa	40
29	Samastipur	125
30	Kaimur	30
31	Sitamarhi	61
32	Siwan	77
33	Supaul	25
	TOTAL	2213
