

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3636  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2021**

**MOBILE TOWERS OF BSNL IN UTTAR PRADESH**

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has installed/proposes to install mobile towers in rural areas of Uttar Pradesh in order to improve communication service and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps taken to strengthen the mobile network of BSNL in Uttar Pradesh; and
- (c) the number of mobile towers of BSNL in Prayagraj district at present; and
- (d) whether there is any plan to increase the number of towers and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) As per data collected from the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) in 2020, it is estimated that out of 97,813 inhabited villages (as per Census 2011) in Uttar Pradesh, 97,486 villages have mobile coverage. Mobile coverage in the uncovered inhabited villages is being provided in a phased manner both by TSPs and the Government. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has informed that it has installed 5,591 towers for mobile services in Uttar Pradesh.
- (b) BSNL is progressively adding mobile Base Transceiver Stations (BTSs) in rural as well as urban areas under its various network expansion phases based on techno-commercial viability and thereby increasing the mobile coverage.
- (c) BSNL has installed 344 towers for mobile services in Prayagraj district.
- (d) For expansion of 4G services, BSNL has invited EOI (Expression of Interest) for PoC (Proof of Concept) on 01.01.2021.

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