

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4605
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24TH MARCH, 2021**

BSNL AND MTNL TOWERS IN CHHATTISGARH

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of BSNL and MTNL towers installed in Raigarh and Jashpur in Chhattisgarh and the details thereof; and
- (b) the steps taken/to be taken by the Government to improve the tower facility of MTNL and BSNL in Chhattisgarh?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) provides telecom services in Delhi and Mumbai License Service Area (LSA) only. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has informed that it has 128 and 102 mobile towers in Raigarh and Jashpur respectively.

BSNL has informed that the expansion of its mobile towers in all its LSAs including Chhattisgarh is done based on techno-commercial viability.

However, Under the phase-I of scheme for mobile communication services in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) Affected Areas funded by Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) of the Government, BSNL has installed 525 mobile towers at Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) identified location in Chhattisgarh.

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