

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2777
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15TH DECEMBER, 2021**

TELE-DENSITY IN ODISHA

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the tele-density in Odisha, both in rural and urban areas;
- (b) the status of implementation of Phase II of the Provision of 'Mobile Services in Left Wing Extremism Affected Areas' scheme, and the details thereof;
- (c) the number of mobile towers projected to be constructed in Odisha under Phase II of the aforementioned scheme;
- (d) the number of mobile towers requested to be constructed in Odisha by the State Government of Odisha under Phase II of the aforementioned scheme; and
- (e) the number of mobile towers projected to be constructed under Phase I of the aforementioned scheme, as compared to the number of mobile towers actually constructed, state/UT-wise?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)**

(a) The tele-density in service area of Odisha in rural and urban areas as on 30.09.2021 is 61.87% and 144.14% respectively.

(b) to (d) Under Phase II of the scheme for Provision of 'Mobile Services in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) Affected Areas', work has been awarded for installation of 2542 mobile towers including 483 towers in Odisha. As per the list of tower locations provided by Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to Department of Telecommunications (DoT), 483 number of mobile towers are projected to be installed in Odisha and contract has been awarded for installation of 483 towers.

(e) Phase-I of the LWE scheme had 2355 mobile towers of which 2343 mobile towers have been installed. The details are as below:

S.No.	State	No. of tower location
1	Andhra Pradesh	62
2	Bihar	250
3	Chhattisgarh	525
4	Jharkhand	816
5	Madhya Pradesh	22
6	Maharashtra	65
7	Odisha	256
8	West Bengal	96
9	Uttar Pradesh	78
10	Telangana	173
	Grand Total	2343

12 towers (7 in Chhattisgarh and 5 in Odisha) could not be installed due to naxal activity and forest clearance permission.
