

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 40
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND FEBRUARY, 2022**

INSTALLING MOBILE TOWERS

†40. SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal under consideration to install towers in areas without BSNL signals of Rajasthan, Gujarat, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the places where such towers are likely to be installed; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for not installing such towers in other places?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) augments its mobile network based on techno-commercial considerations in its areas of operation including Rajasthan, Gujarat, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh.

The Government has formulated several schemes under Universal Services Obligation Fund (USOF) for mobile connectivity in the areas in Rajasthan, Gujarat, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh where mobile coverage of any operator including BSNL is not available. Number of villages covered under such schemes are 226 in Rajasthan, 70 in Gujarat, 229 in Madhya Pradesh and 1277 in Jharkhand.
