

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 99
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND FEBRUARY, 2022**

MOBILE TOWERS IN ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS

†99. SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Cabinet has approved the setting up of mobile service/towers in the uncovered villages in aspirational districts of Odisha;
- (b) if so, the details of the amount of funds being spent on this project in Odisha including Kalahandi and Nuapada districts;
- (c) the number of villages where approval has been given for setting up of towers alongwith the number of persons likely to be benefitted there from; and
- (d) the details thereof and the time by which the said task is targeted to be completed?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) The Union Cabinet has approved a Scheme for provisioning of 4G Mobile Coverage in 7287 uncovered villages of Aspirational Districts of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Jharkhand & Odisha. Under this scheme, 3933 uncovered villages of Aspirational Districts of Odisha (including that of Kalahandi and Nuapada Districts) are included at an approved cost of Rs. 3219 crore.

(c) & (d) In Odisha, 2379 towers are planned to cover 3933 uncovered villages and the people living therein will be benefited. The project time-line is 18 months from the date of signing of the Agreement with the Implementing Agency for the project.
