

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1778  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2022**

**INSTALLATION OF BTS TOWERS**

1778. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has approved the installation of Base Transceiver Station (BTS) towers to improve communication system in various naxal infested States of the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the work of installing BTS towers has not yet been started and if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by which the new approved towers are likely to be installed?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) Yes Sir, Government has decided to upgrade the 2,343 existing 2G sites earlier commissioned by BSNL under Left Wing Extremism (LWE) Phase-I project to 4G. State wise details of no. of tower locations is enclosed as **Annexure-I**.

Government is also implementing Left Wing Extremism (LWE) Phase-II project for installation of 2,542 Base Transceiver Station (BTS) towers at Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) identified tower locations to improve communication system in 10 Naxal affected States across the country. State wise details of the locations is enclosed as **Annexure-II**.

- (b) The work for installation of BTS towers has started and 37 mobile towers have been commissioned till 30-06-2022.
- (c) Left Wing Extremism (LWE) Phase-II project is likely to be completed by the end of March, 2023.

**ANNEXURE-I**

Annexure referred to in Part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1778 for answer on 27-07-2022

**State wise Details of Tower Locations under LWE Phase-I Project:**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State Name</b>	<b>No. of existing sites</b>
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
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,343</b>

**ANNEXURE-II**

Annexure referred to in Part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1778 for answer on 27-07-2022

**State wise Details of the No. of Tower Locations under LWE Phase-II Project.**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State Name</b>	<b>No. of Tower Locations</b>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	346
2.	Bihar	16
3.	Chhattisgarh	971
4.	Jharkhand	450
5.	Madhya Pradesh	23
6.	Maharashtra	125
7.	Odisha	483
8.	Telangana	53
9.	Uttar Pradesh	42
10.	West Bengal	33
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,542</b>

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