

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 572
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH JULY, 2022**

4G IN LWE AREAS

572. DR. BEESETTI VENKATA SATYAVATHI:
SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to update 2G mobile services to 4G in the Left Wing Extremism(LWE) areas;
- (b) if so, the state-wise details thereof and the tentative timeline for completion;
- (c) the details of the funds proposed to be spent for updation, state-wise;
- (d) whether any LWE areas have been left out of the scope of this proposed project; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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.
- (b) Tentative time line for completion of project is 12 months from the date of roll out of 4G services by BSNL in India. State wise details of no. of tower locations is enclosed as **Annexure-I**.
- (c) Details of the fund proposed to be spent for upgradation is enclosed as **Annexure-II**.
- (d) & (e) Apart from LWE Phase-I Project, LWE Phase-II project is also under implementation for covering 2,542 tower locations identified by Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) in the LWE affected areas across 10 States. State wise details of the locations is enclosed as **Annexure-III**.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in Part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.572 for answer on 20-07-2022.

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

Sl. No.	State	No of existing sites
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		2,343

Annexure-II

Annexure referred to in Part (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.572 for answer on 20-07-2022

State wise details of Funds Proposed to be spent for Upgradation:

Sl. No.	State	No. of Sites	Upgradation Cost (Amount in ₹ Cr.)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	62	49.87
2.	Bihar	250	201.09
3.	Chhattisgarh	525	422.28
4.	Jharkhand	816	656.35
5.	Madhya Pradesh	22	52.28
6.	Maharashtra	65	17.70
7.	Odisha	256	205.91
8.	West Bengal	96	139.15
9.	Uttar Pradesh	78	62.74
10.	Telangana	173	77.22
Grand Total		2,343	1,884.59

Annexure-III

Annexure referred to in Part (d) & (e) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.572 for answer on 20-07-2022

State wise Number of Tower Locations under LWE Phase-II Project:

Sl. No.	State Name	No. of Tower Locations
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
Total		2,542
