

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 607
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH JULY, 2022**

MOBILE NETWORK IN MAOIST AREAS

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to address the problems of Mobile Network and Internet in the maoist areas of the State of Odisha; and
- (b) the number of people likely to be benefited if the maoist areas of Odisha are provided with Internet and Mobile Networks facilities and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) To improve the mobile network and internet connectivity, Government has decided to upgrade the 2,343 existing 2G sites under Left Wing Extremism (LWE) Phase-I project to 4G which includes 256 sites in the State of Odisha. District wise list of the no. of tower locations in Odisha State under LWE Phase-I Project is enclosed as **Annexure-I**. The project is to be completed in 12 months.

Further, 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 the 10 States. Through LWE Phase-II project 483 mobile towers (4G based) are to be installed in the state of Odisha. District wise list of the no. of tower location in Odisha State under LWE Phase-II Project is enclosed as **Annexure-II**. The people residing within the radius of about 4 Kms of the Mobile Tower likely to be benefited with the mobile network. The project was awarded in October 2021 and is to be completed in 18 months.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in Part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.607 for answer on 20-07-2022

District wise Number of Tower Locations under LWE Phase-I Project:

Sl. No.	State	District Name	No. of Tower Locations
1.	Odisha	Angul	5
2.	Odisha	Bargarh	4
3.	Odisha	Berhampur police district	3
4.	Odisha	Bolangir	3
5.	Odisha	Boudh	7
6.	Odisha	Deogarh	6
7.	Odisha	Dhenkanal	6
8.	Odisha	Gajapati	8
9.	Odisha	Ganjam	5
10.	Odisha	Jajpur	11
11.	Odisha	Kalahandi	12
12.	Odisha	Kandhamal	24
13.	Odisha	Keonjhar	6
14.	Odisha	Koraput	27
15.	Odisha	Malkangiri	28
16.	Odisha	Mayurbhanj	9
17.	Odisha	Nabarangpur	10
18.	Odisha	Nayagarh	3
19.	Odisha	Nowrangpur	4
20.	Odisha	Nuapada	20
21.	Odisha	Rayagada	18
22.	Odisha	Rourkela Police District	11
23.	Odisha	Sambalpur	10
24.	Odisha	Sonepur	6
25.	Odisha	Sundergarh	10
Total			256

Annexure-II

Annexure referred to in Part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.607 for answer on 20-07-2022

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

Sl. No.	State	District Name	No. of Tower Locations
1.	Odisha	Baragarh	2
2.	Odisha	Boudh	2
3.	Odisha	Kalahandi	66
4.	Odisha	Kandhamal	96
5.	Odisha	Koraput	85
6.	Odisha	Malkangiri	128
7.	Odisha	Nabarangpur	22
8.	Odisha	Nuapada	49
9.	Odisha	Rayagada	33
Total			483
