GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 655
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH JULY, 2022

BSNL NETWORK IN ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS

655.   SHRI. RAMESH CHANDRA MAJHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a)   whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) network in Aspirational Districts in Odisha is very poor;

(b)   if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c)   the name of the places in the State of Odisha where new mobile towers are proposed to be set up by the Government; and

(d)   the details of the plans to increase the internet speed in the said region?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)

(a) & (b)   Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) monitors the performance of the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) including Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) against the benchmarks for various Quality of Service (QoS) parameters laid down by TRAI by way of QoS regulations issued from time to time, through Quarterly Performance Monitoring Reports (PMRs) received from Telecom Service Providers. As per PMR for quarter ending March, 2022, BSNL is meeting, in general, all QoS parameters for its cellular and basic services in Odisha Licensed Service Area that includes Aspirational districts in the state.

(c)   In Odisha state, there are 2379 mobile towers planned to cover 3933 Villages across ten Aspirational Districts of Odisha under Aspirational District scheme. Additionally, the 483 mobile towers envisaged under LWE-II scheme of Universal Service Obligation Fund(USOF) also include Aspirational districts in the state. District wise details are as follows:

District wise details of planned 4G towers under Aspirational District Scheme				
S.No.	State	District	No. of villages to be covered in scheme	No. of Mobile towers Planned
1	ODISHA	Balangir	11	11
2	ODISHA	Dhenkanal	11	11
3	ODISHA	Gajapati	467	264
4	ODISHA	Kalahandi	516	318
5	ODISHA	Kandhamal	1094	643
6	ODISHA	Koraput	520	342
7	ODISHA	Malkangiri	306	196
8	ODISHA	Nabarangapur	17	14
9	ODISHA	Nuapada	29	26
10	ODISHA	Rayagada	962	554
		Total	**3933**	**2379**

District wise details of planned 4G towers under LWE-II scheme			
S.No.	State	District	No. of villages to be covered in scheme
1	ODISHA	Kalahandi	66
2	ODISHA	Kandhamal	96
3	ODISHA	Koraput	85
4	ODISHA	Malkangiri	128
5	ODISHA	Nawarangapur	22
6	ODISHA	Nuapada	49
7	ODISHA	Rayagada	33
8	Odisha	Boudh	2
9	ODISHA	Baragarh	2
		Total	**483**

(d)   BharatNet project is being implemented in a phased manner through various implementing agencies to provide broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats(GPs) in the country including Odisha. The scope of BharatNet has been recently extended to cover all inhabited villages beyond GPs in the country, with the timeline as year 2025.

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