GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1591 TO BE ANSWERED ON 31ST JULY, 2024

TELECOM TOWERS IN BIHAR

1591 SHRI ARUN BHARTI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details about the number of villages in the country where telecom towers have been installed during the last five years in Bihar, district-wise particularly in Jamui, Sheikhpura and Munger;
- (b) the details of the number of telecom towers that the Government is planning to install in the current and the next year; and
- (c) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve telecommunication network in villages and remote areas of Jamui Parliamentary constituency

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. PEMMASANI CHANDRA SEKHAR)

- (a) The district-wise details of number of villages where telecom towers have been installed in Bihar during the last five years is attached at **Annexure-I**.
- (b) & (c) Government through funding from Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) is implementing various schemes for providing mobile network coverage in uncovered villages in the country. The details of number of telecom towers planned in Bihar under USOF Schemes in the current and the next year is attached at **Annexure-II**.

Annexure referred to in reply of part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1591 to be answered on 31st July, 2024 raised by Hon'ble Member of Parliament regarding "Telecom Towers In Bihar"

| S.N. | District | No. of villages where telecom towers installed during the last five years i.e. from 01/04/2019 to 31/03/2024 |
|------|--------------------|--|
| 1 | Araria | 408 |
| 2 | Arwal | 118 |
| 3 | Aurangabad | 432 |
| 4 | Banka | 357 |
| 5 | Begusarai | 365 |
| 6 | Bhagalpur | 382 |
| 7 | Bhojpur | 388 |
| 8 | Buxar | 304 |
| 9 | Darbhanga | 572 |
| 10 | Gaya | 667 |
| 11 | Gopalganj | 386 |
| 12 | Jamui | 325 |
| 13 | Jehanabad | 201 |
| 14 | Kaimur | 228 |
| 15 | Katihar | 447 |
| 16 | Khagaria | 220 |
| 17 | Kishanganj | 293 |
| 18 | Lakhisarai | 152 |
| 19 | Madhepura | 297 |
| 20 | Madhubani | 617 |
| 21 | Munger | 211 |
| 22 | Muzaffarpur | 688 |
| 23 | Nalanda | 454 |
| 24 | Nawada | 323 |
| 25 | Pashchim Champaran | 766 |
| 26 | Patna | 671 |
| 27 | Purba Champaran | 1098 |
| 28 | Purnia | 524 |
| 29 | Rohtas | 472 |
| 30 | Saharsa | 243 |
| 31 | Samastipur | 604 |
| 32 | Saran | 519 |
| 33 | Sheikhpura | 117 |
| 34 | Sheohar | 91 |
| 35 | Sitamarhi | 418 |
| 36 | Siwan | 426 |
| 37 | Supaul | 324 |
| 38 | Vaishali | 449 |
| | Total | 15557 |

Annexure-II

Annexure referred to in reply of part (b) and (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1591 to be answered on 31st July, 2024 raised by Hon'ble Member of Parliament regarding "Telecom Towers In Bihar"

The details of number of telecom towers planned in Bihar under USOF Schemes in the current and the next year:

| Name of the State | 4G Towers Planned at new locations |
|-------------------|---|
| Bihar | 99 (10 sites are in Jamui District and 2 sites are in Mungar |
| | (10 sites are in Jamui District and 2 sites are in Munger District) |

Further, 250 nos. 2G sites which are already operationalized in Bihar are planned to be upgraded to provide 4G services, which includes 59 sites in Jamui District.
