

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3734  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2024**

**MOBILE TOWERS IN ODISHA**

**3734. Shri Pradeep Purohit:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total funds allocated to Odisha for the installation of mobile towers during the financial years 2022-23 and 2023-24;
- (b) the number of towers installed in Jharsuguda and Bargarh districts, block-wise during these two years;
- (c) whether the installation work of mobile towers in these districts has been completed and if not, the reasons for the delay; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure completion of towers installation at the earliest?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d) The total amount of Rs. 726 crore has been allocated / disbursed in Odisha for the installation of mobile towers under various Digital Bharat Nidhi's Projects during the financial years 2022-23 and 2023-24.

Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) funded 4G mobile tower projects are implemented across the country including Odisha to provide coverage in uncovered villages. The Agreement between DBN and Implementer provides for completion of the project within the roll-out period.

During these two years, one tower installed in Ambabhona Block, Bargarh District under LWE-II Project. A total of nine towers have been planned under 4G Saturation Project in Jharsuguda (three towers) and Bargarh District (six towers) out of which as on 31.10.2024, two towers in Jharsuguda District and one tower in Bargarh district have been installed.

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