

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2985  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2016**

**TELECOM SERVICES IN LEFT-WING EXTREMISM AFFECTED AREAS**

2985. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:  
SHRI BAIJAYANT JAY PANDA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has taken steps to increase telephone, mobile and internet connectivity in left-wing extremism affected States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of mobile towers proposed to be installed in such areas, State-wise;
- (c) whether only a small number of towers has been set up so far;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise including Odisha; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government to expedite the work along with the time-frame fixed for the same??

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)**

(a) to (e) Government had approved the project on 20.08.2014 to provide Mobile services in 2199 locations in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas including 253 locations in Odisha. 1748 mobile towers out of 2199 mobile towers have been made operational by 30.04.2016. Remaining mobile towers are targeted to be made functional by the June, 2016. State-wise details are at **Annexure**.

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**Annexure**

**State-wise number of towers operational as on 30.04.2016 is as below :**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Number of Locations</b>	<b>Towers – operational As on 30.04.2016</b>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	54	45
2.	Bihar	184	184
3.	Chhattisgarh	497	489
4.	Jharkhand	782	561
5.	Maharashtra	60	56
6.	Madhya Pradesh	22	22
7.	Odisha	253	149
8.	Telangana	173	77
9.	Uttar Pradesh	78	78
10.	West Bengal	96	87
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,199</b>	<b>1,748</b>

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