

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.490
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH FEBRUARY, 2019
NEW MOBILE TOWERS IN NAXAL AREAS**

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether targets have been fixed by the Government to install new mobile towers in the Naxal affected areas;
- (b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;
- (c) the number of mobile towers made operational so far along with the location-wise details thereof;
- (d) the reasons for not commissioning the leftover mobile towers; and
- (e) the response of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

- (a) The details are as below:
 - i) The cabinet approved the project of LWE Phase-I on 20-08-2014 for providing mobile connectivity in MHA (Ministry of Home Affairs) identified 2355 tower locations in the left wing extremism affected areas.
 - ii) The cabinet has approved the project LWE Phase-II for providing mobile connectivity in 4072 MHA identified tower locations in the Left Wing Extremism affected areas in 96 districts of 10 states on 23-05-2018.
- (b) State wise list is enclosed as **Annexures 1 & 2.**
- (c) Total 2343 tower locations are made operational as on date under LWE Phase-I project. The details are at http://usof.gov.in/usof-cms/LWE_Phase_I.jsp
- (d) & (e) 05 no's of sites in Odisha could not be completed as Odisha State Government did not provide land due to security and other reasons. 07 sites in Chhattisgarh could not be made functional due to Naxal activities.

LWE-Phase-I: State-wise Summary of the Tower locations:

S. No.	State	No. of Locations identified by MHA	Commissioned
1.	Andhra Pradesh	62	62
2.	Bihar	250	250
3.	Chhattisgarh	532	525
4.	Jharkhand	816	816
5.	Maharashtra	65	65
6.	Madhya Pradesh	22	22
7.	Odisha	261	256
8.	Telangana	173	173
9.	Uttar Pradesh	78	78
10.	West Bengal	96	96
Total		2355	2343

LWE-Phase-II: State-wise Summary of Proposed New Mobile Tower Locations.

	State	Districts	No. of Mobile Tower locations identified by MHA
1	Andhra Pradesh	8	429
2	Bihar	8	412
3	Chhattisgarh	16	1028
4	Jharkhand	21	1054
5	Madhya Pradesh	1	26
6	Maharashtra	2	136
7	Odisha	18	483
8	Telangana	14	118
9	Uttar Pradesh	3	179
10	West Bengal	5	207
	Total	96	4072
