

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1617
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13TH FEBRUARY, 2019**

MOBILE TOWERS IN LWE AFFECTED STATES

1617. SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that the Government has sanctioned the installation of 4072 mobile phone towers in 10 Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected States to improve connectivity;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the total cost involved for the said project is Rs. 7330 crore and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government is considering to provide adequate security to these mobile tower installations and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b) Yes Madam. Cabinet approved the LWE Phase-II project proposal on 23-05-2018 for providing mobile connectivity at 4072 MHA (Ministry of Home Affairs) identified tower locations in the left wing extremism affected areas in 96 districts of 10 states.
The state wise number of tower locations is given in **Annexure-1**.
- (c) The budgetary provision in the cabinet approval is Rs. 7330 crores plus applicable taxes.
- (d) The implementing agency will be responsible for the security & safety of the tower installations. Ultimately the assets so created will rest with implementing agencies. 'Police' and 'Public Order' being State subjects, providing security to mobile towers is responsibility of the State Government concerned.

List for Mobile Towers LWE Phase –II

Sl. No.	State	State wise Sl. No.	District	No. of Mobile Towers identified by MHA
1	Andhra Pradesh	1.	Vishakhapatnam	120
2		2.	East Godavari	92
3		3.	Vizianagaram	67
4		4.	Srikakulam	13
5		5.	Guntur	39
6		6.	Prakasam	66
7		7.	Kurnool	24
8		8.	Anantapuramu	08
			Total	429
9	Bihar	1.	Aurangabad	57
10		2.	Banka	53
11		3.	Gaya	69
12		4.	Jamui	23
13		5.	Nawada	35
14		6.	Muzaffarpur	52
15		7.	Kaimur	82
16		8.	Rohtas	41
			Total	412
17	Chhattisgarh	1.	Dhamtari	43
18		2.	Mahasamund	15
19		3.	Gariyaband	49
20		4.	Balod	14
21		5.	Koriya	67
22		6.	Sarguja	32

23		7.	Balrampur	65
24		8.	Jashpur	59
25		9.	Bastar	45
26		10.	Kondagaon	79
27		11.	Bijapur	152
28		12.	Dantewada	54
29		13.	Sukma	114
30		14.	Narayanpur	59
31		15.	Kankar	118
32		16.	Rajnandgaon	63
			Total	1028
33.	Jharkhand	1.	Deoghar	23
34		2.	Dumka	24
35		3.	Pakur	39
36		4.	Bokaro	59
37		5.	Dhanbad	39
38		6.	Garhwa	97
39		7.	Latehar	17
40		8.	Palamu	35
41		9.	Chatra	38
42		10.	Giridih	171
43		11.	Hazaribagh	80
44		12.	Koderma	70
45		13.	Ramgarh	16
46		14.	East Singhbhum	64
47		15.	Saraikela	32
48		16.	West Singhbhum	81
49		17.	Gumla	52
50		18.	Khunti	15

51		19.	Lohardaga	16
52		20.	Ranchi	44
53		21.	Simdega	42
			Total	1054
54	Madhya Pradesh	1.	Balaghat	26
			Total	26
55	Maharashtra	1.	Gadchiroli	108
56		2.	Gondia	28
			Total	136
57	Odisha	1.	Koraput	97
58		2.	Malkangiri	108
59		3.	Bolangir	06
60		4.	Sundergarh	17
61		5.	Sambhalpur	15
62		6.	Kalahandi	66
63		7.	Nabarangpur	20
64		8.	Gajapati	48
65		9.	Deogarh	05
66		10.	Kandhamal	38
67		11.	Denkanal	05
68		12.	Naupada	23
69		13.	Jaipur	03
70		14.	Ganjam	04
71		15.	Nayagarh	03
72		16.	Bargarh	02
73		17.	Keonjhar	08
74		18.	Rayagada	15
			Total	483
75	Telangana	1.	Adilabad	06

76		2.	Jayashankar Bhupalpally	24
77		3.	Kamareddy	02
78		4.	Komarabheem Asifabad	24
79		5.	Mahabubabad	03
80		6.	Ramagundam	06
81		7.	Medak	11
82		8.	Nagarkurnool	14
83		9.	Nalgonda	02
84		10.	Nirmal	08
85		11.	Nizamabad	07
86		12.	Sangareddy	04
87		13.	Siddipet	05
88		14.	Warangal Rural	02
			Total	118
89	Uttar Pradesh	1.	Sonbhadra	143
90		2.	Chandauli	19
91		3.	Mirzapur	17
			Total	179
92	West Bengal	1.	Birbhum	60
93		2.	Bunkura	19
94		3.	Purulia	24
95		4.	Jhargram	53
96		5.	Paschim Medinipur	51
			Total	207
		Grand Total		4072
