

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding sanctioning of more Mobile Base stations in Odisha-laid

SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU (BERHAMPUR): There are about 6,278 villages in Odisha without any mobile access or connectivity which is largest in the country. Sir, during Covide-19 pandemic, internet service played vital role not only to boost the economy but also for the education of our school/college going children and also delivery of all government services. You can imagine the loss suffered by them.

I thank the Union Home Ministry for sanctioning 488 mobile towers for Odisha recently. However, to provide coverage to other uncovered villages including in Gajapati and Ganjam Districts, an estimated 2000 more mobile base stations are required in Southern and Western Odisha. Today, the basic need is 4G mobile base stations at all places.

I request the Union Minister of Communications to sanction minimum 2000 more mobile base stations and also upgrade the 2G base stations so that the Southern and Western Odisha could be benefited.