

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2592  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2024**

**INSTALLATION OF MOBILE TOWERS IN LWE AFFECTED AREAS**

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the measures taken by the Government to install mobile towers in the areas affected by Left Wing Extremism (LWE); and
- (b) the measures taken by the Government to provide mobile connectivity to the villages and islands in the country which currently do not have network coverage?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
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(a) & (b) Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) funded schemes are planned by Government to provide mobile connectivity to uncovered villages of the country including areas affected by Left Wing Extremism (LWE) and islands:

- i. 354 Uncovered Village Scheme.
- ii. 502 Aspirational District Scheme.
- iii. 7287 Aspirational District Scheme.
- iv. Provision of 4G mobile services in Meghalaya.
- v. Provision of 4G mobile services in uncovered villages of Arunachal Pradesh and Two (2) Districts of Assam (Karbi Anglong & Dima Hasao).
- vi. Provision of 4G Mobile Services in uncovered villages of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and along National Highway-4.
- vii. Provision of 4G Mobile Services and Augmentation of OFC Network in Lakshadweep Islands.
- viii. Provision of 2G mobile services at Ministry of Home Affairs identified tower locations in Left Wing Extremism affected areas under LWE Phase-I project. Upgradation of 2G sites installed under this project to 4G is being done.
- ix. Provision of 4G mobile services at Ministry of Home Affairs identified tower locations in Left Wing Extremism affected areas under LWE Phase-II.
- x. 4G Saturation Scheme.

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