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GROWTH OF TELECOM SECTOR

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

- (a) the total number of mobile towers in the country, as on date, State-wise;
- (b) the number of mobile towers installed by private telecom companies and the public sector companies separately, State-wise;
- (c) whether absence of sufficient towers has impeded the growth of the telecom sector in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT)

- (a) The total number of Mobile towers in India is 425455 approximately; the statewise breakup is as under :-

Name of State	Number of towers
Rajasthan	25350
Gujarat, Daman & Diu	28392
Maharashtra & Goa	45102
Karnataka	26920
Madhya Pradesh & Chhattisgarh	23177
West Bengal, Orissa, Sikkim, Andaman & Nicobar	41708
Assam & Arunachal Pradesh	8995
Delhi, Haryana & Chandigarh	25098
Uttar Pradesh & Uttarakhand	57207
Andhra Pradesh	34396
Punjab & Himachal Pradesh	18899
Jammu & Kashmir	6102
Tamilnadu & Pondicherry	38392
Bihar & Jharkhand	22428
Nagaland, Meghalay, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura	4611
Kerala & Lakshadweep	18678

- (b) State wise breakup of Mobile Towers Installed by private operators and Public Sector Companies is as given below:-

Name of State	Public Sector	Private Sector
Rajasthan	2028	23322
Gujarat, Daman & Diu	2271	26121
Maharashtra & Goa	3608	41494
Karnataka	2154	24766
Madhya Pradesh & Chhattisgarh	1854	21323
West Bengal, Orissa, Sikkim, Andaman & Nicobar	3337	38371
Assam & Arunachal Pradesh	720	8275
Delhi, Haryana & Chandigarh	2008	23090
Uttar Pradesh & Uttarakhand	4577	52630
Andhra Pradesh	2752	31644
Punjab & Himachal Pradesh	1512	17387
Jammu & Kashmir	488	5614
Tamilnadu & Pondicherry	3071	35321
Bihar & Jharkhand	1794	20634
Nagaland, Meghalay, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura	369	4242
Kerala & Lakshadweep	1494	17184

(c) to (e) New towers are being added by operators, as and when and wherever required as techno-economic solution.