

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MOBILE TOWERS IN NAXAL AFFECTED AREAS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has sanctioned the installation of mobile towers in the naxal affected areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Bihar, Location-wise; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT)

- (a) Government has sanctioned installation of 7387 mobile towers under Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) to cover all villages or group of villages with population of 2000 and above for voice telephony. The scheme covered naxalite affected districts also.
- (b) Out of 7387 towers, 1584 towers were sanctioned for naxalite affected districts. As of date, 1566 towers have been installed. State-wise details of towers installed in the naxal affected districts in the country, including the State of Bihar, are given in the Annexure.
- (c) Does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.