

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF MOBILE TOWERS

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

- (a) whether the pace of setting up of mobile towers including rural and backward areas of the country is satisfactory;
- (b) if not, the steps taken to accelerate the progress in regard;
- (c) the targets fixed and achievements made during the last three years and the current year in the country including rural and backward areas of Orissa, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has formulated any policy for setting up of more mobile towers in extremely backward regions of the country including Orissa; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) The details are enclosed at Annexure.
- (d) & (e) Under the Phase I of shared mobile infrastructure scheme of Universal Services Obligation (USO) Fund, villages or cluster of villages with population more than 2000 and not having mobile connectivity were consider for setting up of mobile towers. Under this scheme 7387 number of towers are to be installed, out of which 435 towers are in Orissa. So far 7183 towers have been installed, out of which 434 are in Orissa.