

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:376
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TELECOM FACILITIES IN NAXAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the naxal affected States have adequate telecommunication facilities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to upgrade and strengthen the telecommunication facilities in such States;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to create special circles containing certain new facilities in the naxal -affected States, including Bihar;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES AND COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (g) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (g) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 376 FOR 6TH DECEMBER, 2010 REGARDING "TELECOM FACILITIES IN NAXAL AREAS"

(a) to (d) Various schemes are being implemented with the financial support from Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) for upgradation/strengthening of the telecommunication in Left Wing Extremist (LWE) affected as well as their adjoining districts:-

BSNL is providing VPT facility in identified Left Wing Extremist affected districts under subsidy support of Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF).The state and district wise details of these villages covered with VPT facility are given in the Annexure-A.

BSNL is also providing VPT facility in adjoining identified Left Wing Extremist affected district under subsidy support of Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF).The state and district wise details of these villages covered with VPT facility are in the Annexure-B.

USOF launched a scheme for provision of subsidy support or setting up and managing 7387 number of infrastructure sites / towers in 500 districts spread over 27 States including naxalite affected States for provision of mobile services in the specified rural and remote areas, where there was no existing fixed wireless or mobile coverage. Out of 673 number of towers to be commissioned in naxalite affected states, 669 have been commissioned .The details are given in the Annexure-C.

(e) to (g) At present, there is no proposal to create special circles containing certain new facilities in the naxal affected States including Bihar.