

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:226
ANSWERED ON:20.07.2009
INSTALLATION OF MOBILE TOWERS
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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, State-wise;
- (b) the break-up of the number of mobile towers installed by private operators and the public sector companies, State-wise;
- (c) whether absence of adequate number of towers has impeded the growth of the telecom sector in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (e) 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 (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 226 FOR 20TH JULY, 2009 REGARDING INSTALLATION OF MOBILE TOWERS.

(a) & (b) The total number of Mobile Towers in India is 3,32,759 approximately as per SACFA clearances, the state-wise breakup of Public sector & Private sector is as under:

Name of State	Public sector	Private sector	Total Number of towers
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Rajasthan	3026	19322	22348
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Gujarat, Daman & Diu	2083	22156	24239
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Maharashtra & Goa	3908	32143	36051
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Karnataka	2070	18058	20128
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Madhya Pradesh & Chattisgarh	2178	16279	18457
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West Bengal, Orissa, Sikkim, Andaman & Nicobar	3137	28290	31427
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Assam & Arunachal Pradesh	964	5332	6296
Delhi, Haryana & Chandigarh	2978	18432	21410
Uttar Pradesh & Uttarakhand	5712	37814	43526
Andhra Pradesh	2611	23518	26129
Punjab & Himachal Pradesh	2300	14907	17207
Jammu & Kashmir	713	3978	4691
Tamilnadu & Pondicherry	2968	23383	26351
Bihar & Jharkhand	1901	13593	15494
Nagaland, Meghalay, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura	570	2646	3216
Kerala & Lakshadweep	2560	13229	15789
Total	39679	293080	332759

(c) to (e) The Installation of towers is a continuous process as a part of linear growth of mobile telephony in the country. The Government encourages installation of such towers in the rural areas through subsidy from Universal Service Obligation (USO) Fund.