

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:296  
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2011  
COMMUNICATION NETWORK IN RURAL AREAS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has received proposals for the development of communication network in the rural areas from the State Governments including Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the proposals have been sanctioned;
- (d) if so, the details thereof. State-wise including Madhya Pradesh; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which the proposals are likely to be approved?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(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 LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 296 FOR 14TH DECEMBER, 2011 REGARDING `COMMUNICATION NETWORK IN RURAL AREAS`

(a)&(b) State-wise summary of requests received by Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) for setting up of mobile towers for provisioning of mobile services is as below:

Sl. No. Name of the State Number of mobile towers to be set up  
as requested by State Government

1 Chhattisgarh 26

2 Jharkhand 104

3 Manipur 14

4 Madhya Pradesh 22

(c)to(e) The proposals have not yet been sanctioned. USOF is in the process of finalizing a scheme to provide mobile communication services in about 37184 villages in the country which do not have any wireless mobile coverage. Provisioning of mobile communication services to villages/areas as per above mentioned proposals received from the State Governments will be considered while finalizing the scheme.