

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:271

ANSWERED ON:12.12.2012

BASE TRANSMITTING STATIONS

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

- (a) the number of Base Transmitting Stations (BTSs) functioning in the country as on date, State and operator-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has received proposals from various State Governments for installation of BTS for augmentation of network capacity particularly in the naxal affected and rural areas;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Odisha and the action taken by the Government thereon;
- (d) whether the 2G controversy has affected the purchase of equipment needed by BSNL; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto including the action taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF 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. 271 FOR 12TH DECEMBER, 2012 REGARDING "BASE TRANSMITTING STATIONS"

(a) Madam, the number of Base Transmitting Stations (BTSs) functioning in the country as on 31.10.2012 is 736654. The Licensed Service Area-wise and operator-wise details are given in Annexure-I & II respectively.

(b) & (c) Yes Madam. Proposals of various State Governments have been received through Ministry of Home Affairs for setting up of mobile towers for providing mobile services in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas. State-wise detail of these locations is given below:

S.No. Name of the State No. of BTS locations

1	Andhra Pradesh	227
2	Bihar	184
3	Chhattisgarh	497
4	Jharkhand	782
5	Madhya Pradesh	22
6	Maharashtra	60
7	Odisha	253
8	Uttar Pradesh	78
9	West Bengal	96
	Total	2199

A proposal in this regard has been submitted to Telecom Commission for seeking approval of the Cabinet to extend Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) Subsidy Support to BSNL on nomination basis, for operation and maintenance of the Mobile Services in LWE affected areas, for general public as well as security personnel.

(d) No Madam.

(e) Question does not arise in view of (d) above.