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MOBILE TOWERS FOR G SERVICES

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

- (a) the complete details of the plan of the Government for establishing mobile towers in the country along with the number of towers which are yet to be connected to communication services in the country;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up separate towers for providing Fourth Generation (4G) services in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) make their own plan for establishment of mobile towers as per their technical and business requirements. However, 7317 mobile towers have been installed with the financial support of Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) under "Share Mobile Infrastructure Scheme" in villages or cluster of villages having a population of 2000 or more and not having mobile coverage. These mobile towers have been provided with 16254 Base Trans-receiver Stations (BTSs) for provisioning of mobile services. Further, a proposal has been approved to install mobile towers at 2199 locations in the states affected by Left Wing Extremism (LWE).

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.