

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2758
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH JULY, 2019**

MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES IN DAHOD DISTRICT

†2758. **SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the entire Dahod district of Gujarat has not been covered under mobile telecommunication services so far due to shortage of adequate number of towers of BSNL in the district;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for inadequate number of BSNL towers in the said district;
- (d) the efforts made by the Government to set up required and adequate number of towers in the aforesaid district of Gujarat; and
- (e) the extent of success achieved by the Government as a result of the efforts made so far?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS, LAW & JUSTICE AND
ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)**

(a) to (c) Out of total 691 villages in Dahod district of Gujarat, 518 villages are covered with mobile services of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL). BSNL always endeavours to improve its mobile coverage and services under its expansion plans in both urban and rural areas in all Licensed Service Areas (LSAs) subject to techno-commercial feasibility and availability of funds.

Of the remaining 173 villages, 164 are covered by mobile services of other Telecom Service Providers (TSPs).

(d) & (e) To enhance and improve its mobile coverage in Dahod district, BSNL has installed 19 number of 3G Base Tranceiver Stations (BTSs) and 4 number of 2G BTSs in Dahod district under its Phase-VIII.4 expansion plan. Further, 4 number of 2G BTSs and 2 number of 3G BTSs are also approved.
