

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2818
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH JULY, 2019**

MOBILE NETWORK IN NAXAL AFFECTED AREAS

†2818. SHRI. RAMESH CHANDRA MAJHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the naxal-affected areas in Nawarangpur, Malkangiri, Koraput districts of Odisha where expansion of mobile network has taken place; and
- (b) the new efforts being made by the Ministry for expansion of mobile network in naxal-affected areas in the aforementioned districts?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Mobile connectivity at 2355 tower locations identified by Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) across 10 States in the Left Wing Extremism affected areas (LWE) has been installed under LWE Phase-I Project. In districts of Nawarangpur, Malkangiri and Koraput 14, 28 and 27 mobile towers are radiating respectively.
- (b) Under LWE Phase-II project, Government has approved installation of 35, 76 and 94 mobile towers in the locations identified by MHA in districts of Nabarangpur, Malkangiri and Koraput respectively.
