

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3984
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17TH JULY, 2019**

MOBILE CONNECTIVITY SCHEME IN LWE AFFECTED AREAS

3984. SHRI. RAMESH CHANDRA MAJHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Government of Odisha has sent a list of 483 locations to the Government for installation of mobile towers in the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas of the State under phase-II of the Mobile Connectivity Scheme in “LWE affected areas”;
- (b) if so, the details and the status thereof and the response of the Government thereon; and
- (c) the status of installation of mobile towers in 368 of such agreeable locations along with the steps taken by the Government to expedite the said installation?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes Sir. The Union Cabinet has approved the ‘Universal Service Obligation fund (USOF) supported scheme to provide mobile services at 4072 tower locations, out of these, 483 towers were sanctioned for Odisha. However, Odisha Government had provided locations of 252 towers only.
- (b) Tower locations details:

S. No	District	No. of Towers	Status
1	Boudh	8	LWE Phase –II tender is under preparation.
2	Bargarh	3	
3	Nuapada	36	
4	Nabrangpur	35	
5	Malkangiri	76	
6	Koraput	94	
	Total	252	

- (c) No Such agreeable 368 mobile tower locations are there. However, Floating of RFP for 3465 number of towers (as received by MHA, including 252 towers of Odisha) is under preparation.
