

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5189
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24TH JULY, 2019**

MOBILE NETWORK IN LADAKH REGION

5189. SHRI JAMYANG TSERING NAMGYAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to improve the existing mobile networks in Ladakh region and for installation of new Mobile Towers in the far-flung villages and hamlets of the said region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Ministry has sanctioned/released any funds for augmentation of mobile/telephone network in the aforesaid region out of Universal Service Obligation Fund in the last five years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes Sir.
- (b) Total 125 number of Mobile Towers in Ladakh region (Kargil-72 & Leh-53) are provisioned under the USOF Scheme for providing connectivity to the 361 villages of uncovered areas of Ladakh & Kargil (J&K region), Border area and other priority areas.
- (c) & (d): The details of funds sanctioned/released for augmentation of mobile/ telephone network in Ladakh region in the last five years from Universal Service Obligation Fund is given below:

Funds sanctioned/released in Ladakh during last five years from USO Fund		
Sl. No.	Financial Year	Amount in Rs. (VPTs/ DSPTs)
1.	2014-15	Nil
2.	2015-16	Nil
3.	2016-17	9,14,500
4.	2017-18	1,34,125
5.	2018-19	1,54,654
