

Renewal and replacement of WLL handsets for CRPF

372. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has a plan for periodic renewal and replacement of Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) handsets for the Central Reserve Police Force in Naxal-affected areas in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the last known date of handset renewal as per Government records;

(c) the number of network towers currently operational for WLL communication among CRPF in Naxal affected States and their density; and

(d) the number of network towers operational in 2013 for WLL communication among CRPF in Naxal affected States and their density?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR): (a) and (b) At present, no such proposal is under consideration of this Ministry.

(c) and (d) Presently 09 WLL network towers are operational at following CRPF's locations in Naxal-affected States:

- (i) 202 CoBRA, Koaraput (Odisha) -02
- (ii) 66 Bn West Midnapur (WB) -01
- (iii) Gadchiroli (Maharashtra) -06

In 2013, the number of network towers operational in these areas was 13. The State-wise density of these towers is as under:

States	No. of network towers in 2017	No. of network towers in 2013
Odisha	02	05
West Bengal	01	01
Maharashtra	06	07

Training for police to handle special cases

373. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Centre in coordination with States is conducting sensitisation programmes and training for police to handle special cases;