

The Department of Telecom has held a number of meetings with the Telecom Service Providers in the recent past, regarding the issues faced by the Telecom Sector. A Committee of Secretaries (CoS) chaired by Cabinet Secretary also considered issues related to Telecom Sector. Based on the recommendations of the CoS, the Government has permitted deferment of the payment of the spectrum auction instalments due for 2020-21 and 2021-22 for mitigating the financial stress being faced by the telecom Services Sector, whereby, Department of Telecommunications will give an option to the Telecom Service Providers to defer payment of the spectrum auction instalments due for 2020-21 and 2021-22, either for one or both years. These deferred amounts will be spread equally over the remaining instalments to be paid by Telecom Service Providers, without any increase in the existing time period specified for making the instalment payments. Interest as stipulated while auctioning of the concerned spectrum will, however, be charged so that NPV of the payable amount is protected. As per the current policy, the Telecom Service Providers will continue to securitize the next payable annual instalment by a Financial Bank Guarantee (FBG) of an amount equivalent to the instalment.

BSNL network in Odisha

*270. SHRI BHASKAR RAO NEKKANTI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BSNL network in aspirational districts in Odisha is very poor, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(b) the names of places in the State of Odisha where new mobile towers are proposed to be set up by Government and the details of the plans to increase the internet speed in the said region?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD):

(a) and (b) BSNL has informed that in Odisha State, 6,428 Base Transceiver Stations (BTSs) (including 193 in Bolangir, 193 in Dhenkanal, 66 in Gajapati, 170 in Kalahandi, 174 in Kandhamal, 27 in Koraput, 32 in Malkangiri, 74 in Nabarangpur, 52 in Nuapada and 113 in Rahagada aspirational districts) of BSNL are presently working.

BSNL has informed that 161 new mobile towers are proposed to be set up in the State of Odisha. List of places where these mobile towers are proposed to be set up in Odisha State is given in the Statement (*See below*).

Further, as per data collected from Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) and Department of Telecom (DoT) field units in 20195067 villages (26 in Bolangir, 17 in Dhenkanal, 655 in Gajapati, 586 in Kalahandi, 1329 in Kandhamal, 725 in Koraput, 437 in Malkangiri, 40 in Nabarangpur, 45 in Nuapada and 1207 in Rahagada) in 10 aspirational districts of Odisha State are yet to be covered. Mobile coverage in these uncovered villages is being provided by the Government and TSPs in a phased manner

The following projects are approved/implemented by the Government for improving mobile and internet connectivity in the State of Odisha:

- (i) Under Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas Phase-II project, the Government has approved installation of 158 mobile towers in the state of Odisha.
- (ii) Bharat Net Project to provide broadband connectivity in all Gram Panchayats (GPs) (approx. 2.5 lakh) in the country. Out of 6,775 Gram Panchayats (GPs) in Odisha state, 4,087 GPs have been connected by laying 14,346 Kilometers of Optical Fiber Cable (OFC). Out of which 3,697 GPs have been made service ready.

As regards Quality of Service (QoS), Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) monitors the performance of telecom service providers including BSNL against the benchmark for various QoS parameters through quarterly Performance Monitoring Reports (PMRs). The performance is assessed for the service area as a whole. For the services currently provided by BSNL, it is meeting all the benchmarks for all the parameters in Odisha LSA.

Statement

List of places where new mobile towers are proposed to be set up in Odisha

Sl. No.	Name of Place
SSA: Behrampur	
1.	Alarigada
2.	Subash Nagar
3.	Lanjipalli-2

Sl. No.	Name of Place
4.	Badakalakote
5.	Bapujinagar (Kharvelanagar)
	SSA: Bhubaneswar
6.	Rajasa
7.	Asian homes
8.	Nabinbag Khurda
9.	Madanpur near GITA
10.	Chhatabara
11.	Charichhak, Maluda
12.	Dhuamada,Nayagarh
13.	Hata Delanga
14.	Chhaya Clinic
15.	Collectoriate,Nayagarh
16.	Tangi-3
17.	Infosys-2
18.	Gangapada
19.	OUAT BBSR-1
20.	OUAT BBSR-2
21.	OUAT BBSR-3
22.	Pahala
23.	Daruthenga
24.	Vimbazar,Puri
25.	Chhamundia
26.	Kujamendi

Sl. No.	Name of Place
27.	Nuagaon Samantaraypur
28.	Near Sai temple BBSR
29.	Pipli-3
30.	Near RI Training Institute, BBSR
31.	Renghalo, Nimapada
32.	Dumduma BBSR
33.	Nuagaon sampur BBSR
34.	Nandankanan Bus Stop
35.	Krishnapuri near Gothapatna
36.	Sarada, Konark Puri
37.	Padasahi, Raghunathpur
38.	Harihar Nagar Puri
39.	Bariksahi, Mausima Chowk
40.	Jagmohan Nagar
41.	Hotel Swagat, Kalpana Square
42.	Hotel Swagat Palace, Unit-4
43.	Bhimtangi
44.	Sakhigopal Town
45.	P&T colony Puri
46.	Regallia Mall Patrapada
	SSA: Balasore
47.	Dolanga
48.	Paliabindha
49.	Alalbindha

Sl. No.	Name of Place
50.	Bishnupur
51.	Kotsahi
52.	Mahumuhan/Bagudi
53.	Matiali
54.	Sadang
55.	Kobargohati
56.	Khunta
57.	Kubara
58.	Dosinga
59.	Tarago
60.	Nutipatna
61.	Mangarajpur
62.	Satyasai Engg College
63.	Tillo
64.	Bardhanpur
65.	Collector Office
66.	NESCO Office
	SSA: Bolangir
67.	Badabhainro
68.	Kusmel
69.	Manhira
70.	Beheramal
71.	Badatika

Sl. No.	Name of Place
72.	TDM office Bolangir
	SSA: Baripada
73.	Kusumi
74.	Aharbandha
75.	Bakla
76.	Shyamsunderpur
77.	Damodarpur
78.	Badasole
79.	Jaypur
80.	Fulkam
	SSA: Bhawanipatna
81.	Badapodaguda
82.	Kantesir
83.	Charbahal
84.	Gandabahali
	SSA: Cuttack
85.	Nuagaon
86.	Areikana
87.	Barkolikhala
88.	Nagespur
89.	SR Hostel(SCB Medical College)
	SSA: Dhekanal
90.	NLN026 (Gotamara)
91.	Baluakata
92.	Gandamal(Kaniha)

Sl. No.	Name of Place
93.	Phapanda Chhak
94.	Sarkishiorepal
95.	Seegarh
96.	Pasasingha(Mahadia)
97.	Hanumanpur
98.	Mahisapata
99.	Basulei
100.	Bedasasan
101.	Nandapur
102.	Kandhara
103.	Tapdhol
104.	Kantapal
	SSA: Keonjhar
105.	Taruan
106.	Parj anpur/Pattung
107.	Bhanja Colony(joda/Barbil)
108.	Station Road (Barbil)
109.	Kusumita
110.	Manat
111.	Taramkanta
112.	Malda (Joda)
113.	Nayagarh
114.	Gualdihi RLY Stn
115.	Sahid Nagar Joda

Sl. No.	Name of Place
116.	Serenda Road Barbil
117.	Rungtamines Barbil
118.	Kusumi Power Plant
	SSA: Koraput
119.	Palasgam
120.	Kantagam
121.	Pradhaniput
122.	Central University
123.	IEM Jeypore
124.	Champi
125.	Dangarguda
126.	Indiranagar
127.	HAL Sunabeda
128.	Y-zone, HAL Sunabeda
129.	Kotia
	SSA: Phulbani
130.	Kamira(Boud)
131.	Katingia
132.	Raikia4 (Berdekia)
133.	Reserve Barak, Phulbani-10
	SSA: Rourkela
134.	Bhedabahal
135.	Gangapurgarh (Sudarsanpur)
136.	Birkaldihi

Sl. No.	Name of Place
137.	Nandapada
138.	Bilaigarh(Mundagaon)
139.	Kuliposh
140.	Lahuradhipa(Dept Land)
141.	Durbaga Chowk
142.	Kurga
143.	Saraphgarh
144.	Baladbandha
145.	Badagaon(Bonaigarh)
146.	NTPC Dulunga Coal pit
	SSA: Sambalpur
147.	Arjunda(Bargarh)
148.	Karuan(Bargarh)
149.	Ambagaon (Bonai) Deogarh
150.	Kadalimunda (Bargarh)
151.	Khandokata
152.	Tamparkela
153.	Rath Sahi, Redhakhol
154.	Naksapali (Bhatra Chhak)
155.	Sendha Chowk
156.	Sunamunda (Deogarh)
157.	Dimirikuda
158.	Gunderpur
159.	Vimsar Burla
160.	Sarshuatal
161.	Burla Store
