

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 (BTSSs) (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 |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| <b>SSA: Behrampur</b> |               |
| 1.                    | Alarigada     |
| 2.                    | Subash Nagar  |
| 3.                    | Lanjipalli-2  |

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| Sl. No. | Name of Place               |
|---------|-----------------------------|
| 4.      | Badakalakote                |
| 5.      | Bapujinagar (Kharvelanagar) |
|         | <b>SSA: Bhubaneswar</b>     |
| 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                   |

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| Sl. No. | Name of Place                    |
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| 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          |
|         | <b>SSA: Balasore</b>             |
| 47.     | Dolanga                          |
| 48.     | Paliabindha                      |
| 49.     | Alalbindha                       |

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| Sl. No. | Name of Place         |
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| 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          |
|         | <b>SSA: Bolangir</b>  |
| 67.     | Badabhainro           |
| 68.     | Kusmel                |
| 69.     | Manhira               |
| 70.     | Beheramal             |
| 71.     | Badatika              |

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

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| 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                   |
|         | <b>SSA: Keonjhar</b>       |
| 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           |

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| Sl. No. | Name of Place              |
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| 116.    | Serenda Road Barbil        |
| 117.    | Rungtamines Barbil         |
| 118.    | Kusumi Power Plant         |
|         | <b>SSA: Koraput</b>        |
| 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                      |
|         | <b>SSA: Phulbani</b>       |
| 130.    | Kamira(Boud)               |
| 131.    | Katingia                   |
| 132.    | Raikia4 (Berdekia)         |
| 133.    | Reserve Barak, Phulbani-10 |
|         | <b>SSA: Rourkela</b>       |
| 134.    | Bhedabahal                 |
| 135.    | Gangapurgarh (Sudarsanpur) |
| 136.    | Birkaldihi                 |

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| 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    |
|         | <b>SSA: Sambalpur</b>    |
| 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              |

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