

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2569
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18TH MARCH, 2021**

MOBILE NETWORK IN REMOTE VILLAGES OF MADHYA PRADESH

**2569 # SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI KAILASH SONI:**

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of inhabited villages of Rewa-Shahdol division of the State of Madhya Pradesh still devoid of mobile network, district-wise;
- (b) whether any action plan has been formulated by the Central Government to bring those villages under the mobile network coverage and if so, by when it would be completed, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the efforts being made by Government to provide mobile towers in such remote villages of Madhya Pradesh where mobile towers are still not available; and
- (d) by when the objective of a communication revolution will come true in remote villages, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS, EDUCATION AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE)**

- (a) As per the mobile coverage data received from Telecom Service Providers, out of 7,929 inhabited villages (as per the Census 2011) in Rewa-Shahdol Division, 7,551 inhabited villages, i.e. 95% of total inhabited villages, are covered by mobile services and 378 inhabited villages are yet to be covered by mobile connectivity. The district-wise details of mobile connectivity in Rewa-Shahdol Division are furnished below:

Connectivity Status in Rewa-Shahdol Division of Madhya Pradesh					
Sr. No.	Division Name	District Name	Total inhabited Villages (as per Census 2011)	No. of Villages with mobile Connectivity	No. of Uncovered Villages
1	Rewa	Rewa	2408	2390	18
2		Satna	1799	1748	51
3		Sidhi	1025	942	83
4		Singrauli	727	630	97
5	Shahdol	Anuppur	562	528	34
6		Shahdol	814	766	48
7		Umaria	594	547	47
	Total		7929	7551	378

(b) to (d) Mobile coverage in the remaining villages is being provided by Government and the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) in phased manner. Further, following projects are approved/implemented by the Government in rural and remote areas of the country, including the State of Madhya Pradesh: -

- (i) Under the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) scheme to provide mobile connectivity in 502 uncovered villages in Aspirational districts including 205 villages in 8 Aspirational districts of Madhya Pradesh, 33 villages of Singrauli district of Rewa-Shahdol division are also included.
- (ii) Under Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas Phase-I project, 2,343 towers in the country including 22 towers in Madhya Pradesh, have been made installed and providing mobile services;
- (iii) Under LWE Phase-II project, Government has approved installation of 2,542 mobile towers for providing mobile connectivity in the country including 23 mobile towers in Madhya Pradesh;
- (iv) Under the scheme to provide mobile connectivity in 354 villages of uncovered border areas of Ladakh, Kargil Region and other priority areas including one uncovered village in Betul district of Madhya Pradesh.
