

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1934  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2021**

**UTILIZATION OF FUNDS UNDER USOF**

**1934 Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:**

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of funds collected under the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) from telecom service providers during the last three years, year-wise and company-wise; and
- (b) the details of utilization of funds under USOF during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise in the North Eastern Region?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS  
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)**

- (a) The USO levy collected from major access operators for the last three years is placed at **Annexure-I**.

The overall deposits in USO fund for last three years is as below:

S.no.	Year	Amount ( in Rs Cr.)
1	2018-19	6911
2	2019-20	7962
3	2020-21	9471

- (b) The State-wise details of utilization of funds under various USOF during the last three years in North Eastern Region is placed at **Annexure-II**.

**Annexure-I****Collections from Major Access Operators, for last three years**

(Amount in Rs. Cr.)

S No.	TSP	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
		USO levy paid (5/8 <sup>th</sup> of Total LF paid)	USO levy paid (5/8 <sup>th</sup> of Total LF paid)	USO levy paid (5/8 <sup>th</sup> of Total LF paid)
1	Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited	1766.40	2494.74	3324.38
2	Bharti Airtel Group of Companies	2047.84	2440.48	2887.50
3	Idea Group of Companies (Up to 30.08.2018)	370.74	0	0
	Vodafone Group of Companies (Up to 30.08.2018)	484.79	0	0
	Vodafone Idea Limited (From 31.08.2018)	1218.76	2023.88	1496.60
4	BSNL	350.03	0	0
5	MTNL	99.10	0	0

<b>Details of Disbursement of Fund under various USOF Schemes in NER for last three years</b>			
<b>Rs. In Core</b>			
<b>State</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
Arunachal Pradesh	1	50	67
Assam	38	189	96
Manipur	9	71	99
Meghalaya	2	7	19
Mizoram	1	48	89
Nagaland	0	48	49
Sikkim	8	3	1
Tripura	9	10	-7*
Grand Total	68	425	412

\*Inter-state adjustment by BBNL

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