

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1492
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH JULY, 2022**

ACHIEVEMENTS IN COMMUNICATION SECTOR IN KBK DISTRICTS OF ODISHA

1492 SHRI NIRANJAN BISHI:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the achievements made by Government in communication sector during the last three years in Odisha, especially in Kalahandi Balangir Koraput (KBK) districts;
- (b) whether any roadmap has been prepared by Government for the communication revolution in the next three years and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether there is any ongoing project for KBK districts and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) As per the data provided by the field units of Department of Telecommunication, around 64,098 number of towers have been installed which includes 6,036 number of Towers of Kalahandi, Balangir, Koraput (KBK) districts during last three years from 2019-20 to 2021-22 in state of Odisha. Further, under BharatNet Project, around 5,320 Gram Panchayats (GPs) are made service ready in the state of Odisha which includes 852 GPs of KBK districts during last three years. The district wise details for towers installed and service ready GPs, including KBK districts, in the state of Odisha is given in **Annexure-I**.
- (b) Government is implementing various schemes under Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) to enhance telecom connectivity in villages of the country. Government has approved various schemes through USOF for mobile and broadband coverage in rural, tribal and hilly areas across the country. Also, BharatNet project is implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all GPs and the scope of BharatNet has been extended up to all inhabited villages beyond GPs in the country. The details of the schemes are attached as **Annexure-II**.
- (c) Around 2,862 number of towers are being set up by Government through USOF scheme to provide 4G based mobile services in the state of Odisha which includes 822 towers in KBK Districts. Further, the scope of BharatNet has been extended to cover all inhabited villages of the country including KBK districts of state of Odisha.

Annexure referred to in reply of part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1492 to be answered on 29th July, 2022 raised by Hon'ble Member of Parliament regarding "Achievements in communication sector in KBK districts of Odisha"

The district wise details for towers installed and status of BharatNet for the state of Odisha is as below:

S. No.	Name of the District	No. of Towers installed			No. of Service Ready GPs		
		FY(19-20)	FY(20-21)	FY(21-22)	FY(19-20)	FY(20-21)	FY(21-22)
1	Angul	757	796	867	3	201	23
2	Balangir	1084	700	780	0	276	53
3	Baleswar	625	1176	1276	107	142	43
4	Bargarh	677	699	748	0	194	71
5	Bhadrak	650	720	802	56	52	29
6	Boudh	155	174	188	22	5	2
7	Cuttack	1480	1561	1760	130	79	50
8	Deogarh	128	137	177	23	14	4
9	Dhenkanal	621	659	710	42	31	19
10	Gajapati	128	151	201	1	42	82
11	Ganjam	1355	1468	1634	105	119	62
12	Jagatsinghpur	535	538	593	59	50	18
13	Jajpur	873	894	1012	87	58	44
14	Jharsuguda	388	433	484	47	20	16
15	Kalahandi	545	619	729	60	142	68
16	Kandhamal	182	197	235	60	34	22
17	Kendrapara	549	587	659	102	29	22
18	Kendujhar	932	998	1114	123	110	33
19	Khorda	2066	2246	2584	41	30	45
20	Koraput	460	528	591	0	193	60
21	Malkangiri	223	245	268	0	30	80
22	Mayurbhanj	1053	1142	1213	162	92	57
23	Nabarangpur	420	368	401	53	138	8
24	Nayagarh	320	457	504	56	21	8
25	Nuapada	206	230	245	9	107	20
26	Puri	821	874	950	46	19	11
27	Rayagada	279	361	416	7	138	48
28	Sambalpur	669	701	795	0	62	82
29	Subarnapur	205	213	233	0	87	28
30	Sundargarh	1124	1210	1337	127	152	17
	Total	19510	21082	23506	1528	2667	1125

Annexure referred to in reply of part (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1492 to be answered on 29th July, 2022 raised by Hon'ble Member of Parliament regarding "Achievements in communication Sector in KBK districts of Odisha"

Details of schemes/projects to improve the communication network/system in rural, tribal and hilly areas across the country:

- i. Under LWE Phase-I scheme, 2,343 mobile towers have been installed in LWE areas which including 96 mobile towers of the State of West Bengal and are providing services. Under LWE Phase-II scheme, 2,542 mobile towers at Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) identified locations are approved across the LWE States;
- ii. Scheme for providing mobile connectivity in 354 villages of uncovered border areas including Ladakh and Kargil Region, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and other priority areas.;
- iii. Comprehensive Telecom Development Plan for mobile connectivity in the North Eastern Region to provide mobile coverage in uncovered villages and along with the National Highways;
- iv. Scheme for providing 4G mobile connectivity in 502 uncovered villages of Aspirational Districts in four States, namely, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan;
- v. Scheme for provisioning of 4G based Mobile service in 7287 uncovered villages of Aspirational Districts of 5 States Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra and Odisha;
- vi. Laying of submarine optical fibre cable between Chennai and Andaman & Nicobar Islands for providing connectivity to Andaman & Nicobar Islands;
- vii. Submarine OFC connectivity between Kochi and Lakshadweep Islands.
- viii. Mobile connectivity to cover uncovered villages and along National Highway (NH 223) in Andaman & Nicobar Islands;
- ix. BharatNet project to create network to connect all the Gram Panchayats and villages with broadband infrastructure.
