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Title: Need to operationalise BSNL towers in Sundargarh district of Odisha.

SHRI HEMANAND BISWAL (SUNDARGARH): In order to expand telecommunication service, BSNL has constructed Towers in the remote areas of Sundargarh District of Odisha Circle. It is one of the most backward districts mostly dominated by tribals. A large part of it is affected by leftwing radicalism. Telecommunication plays vital role in curbing radicalism and for good governance with inclusive growth, but to utter dismay twenty two constructed towers are dysfunctional and therefore the very purpose of their construction has been miserably defeated. I have personally encountered the problems during my regular tour in the area. I had brought the matter to the notice of the Telecom Authorities for immediate redressal of the grievance but the problem has not yet been solved. In this context, I urge upon the Hon'ble Minister of Communications & IT to intervene in the matter and initiate steps as deemed proper to make the towers functional forthwith.