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Title: Need for improvement in BSNL services in Nabarangpur Parliamentary Constituency of Odisha.

SHRI BALBHADRA MAJHI (NABARANGPUR): Inspite of repeated request at the level of Hon'ble Minister of Telecommunication and Hon'ble Prime Minister and raising the issue in Lok Sabha, BSNL service in Nabarangpur Parliamentary Constituency, comprising Nabaranur, Malkangiri and part of Koraput Districts has hardly improved. There is requirement of at least 200 Mobile Towers in Koraput Telecom District. Inspite of repeated request at various level no visible action is taken. In Malkangiri District, Government of Odisha has provided land free of cost at 15 locations, more than a year back but towers have been erected in only 3 locations.

Such neglect by the Government of India is pushing back this most backward area to further backwardness.

Shortage of staff and spare parts are further affecting the regular maintenance. Staff shortage is mostly on account of poor pay package in this inaccessible area.