



4G Mobile Towers in Bastar District

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Recently, as part of the '[Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav](#)' ceremony, the foundation stone laying ceremony was organized for installation of a 4G mobile tower in Sadrabodenar village of Naxal-affected Bastar district of Chhattisgarh.

Key Points

- RK Garhwal, Deputy Director General (Compliance), DoT, Chhattisgarh laid the foundation stone of 4G mobile tower as part of a project of Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) of DoT.
- Under the **Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF)** project of the Department of Telecommunications, a total of 971 towers will be installed in 14 Naxal-affected districts of Chhattisgarh at a cost of Rs 848 crore.
- The commissioning of 4G enabled mobile towers will increase broadband penetration and provide coverage to many villages and help bridge the digital divide. Also, mobile coverage in these Naxal-affected areas can prove to be a game changer in tackling Left Wing Extremism.

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