

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Request to provide FTTH and broadband connectivity along with the additional Mobile towers in Jajpur, Odisha.

**SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI (JAJPUR):** Sir, thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak during the 'Zero Hour'. I represent the Jajpur parliamentary constituency in Odisha. My constituency is rich in mineral resources, culture and also has good education prospects. But lack of adequate telecom infrastructure of BSNL has become a major source of concern for the people of my constituency. Students are the worst sufferers because of this problem. Frequent disruption in connectivity deprives thousands of children from access to online education. Not only in the rural areas, but in Jajpur and in Jajpur town, the services of BSNL are very poor. Considering this, high speed internet without any rural and urban divide is necessary to provide interactive online classes wherein students and teachers can communicate with each other. Also, uninterrupted communication is now a basic facility that should be made available to each and every one to avail of the advantages of Digital India.

Sir, in this regard my suggestion to the Government, through you, is that FTTH and broadband connection should be made available wherever possible. Along with that additional mobile tower should be installed to provide internet and Wi-Fi connection. The work in this area should be completed in a time-bound manner.

Thank you.