

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4647  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2023**

**NATIONAL BROADBAND MISSION**

**4647. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the funds allocated and utilized so far to the State of Himachal Pradesh under the National Broadband Mission (NBM) during the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government has set a target to provide broadband connectivity to all remote and rural villages also under NBM, if so, the details including its present status thereof;
- (c) whether it is targeted to be achieved in a time-bound manner, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the time by which the broadband access is likely to be provided in all the villages of the country under this mission?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) The investment envisaged under the National Broadband Mission(NBM), is to be mobilized largely by Telecom Licensees and Infrastructure Providers and by Government through Universal Service Obligation Fund(USOF). During the last 3 years, Rs 42 Cr. has been allocated to the State of Himachal Pradesh under various schemes of USOF.

(b) to (d) Under the National Broadband Mission, it is targeted to provide broadband connectivity to 100% villages by March 2023. As on 31.10.2022, 93.21% of villages have been covered by broadband connectivity. Some of the villages are very remote and rural and could not be covered by Telecom Service Providers under the commercial services provided by them. Now, it is planned to cover all the villages with 4G services under 4G Saturation scheme by December 2023.

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