

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INTERNET FACILITY IN VILLAGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to link all the villages of the country with internet;
- (b) if so, the time by which it will be linked; and
- (c) the allocation of funds made for this purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SIKADAR)

(a) to (c) National Telecom Policy, 1999 (NTP-99) had envisaged internet access to all District Headquarters by the year 2000 which was also achieved. Subsequently, a scheme was taken up to provide Internet Dhabas (kiosks) to all Block Headquarters. Access to Internet facility has been provided in 5625 Block Headquarters (both Rural & Urban) in the country as on 28.02.2002 by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL). BSNL, through the scheme of Internet Dhaba set up through Franchisees, has provided Internet Dial-up connections to 3051 Internet Dhabas in both Rural and Urban Block Headquarters as of 28.2.2002.