

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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DIGITAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to enact a law to make it compulsory for private companies to provide services in the rural areas;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) the number of villages linked with the digital distribution system during the last two years and current year so far;
- (d) the names of the new companies who came forward to lay digital distribution system to connect cities, towns and villages so far;
and
- (e) the names of the States where these facilities are proposed to be provided?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ,
PRADHAN)

- (a) to (e): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.