

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

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NATIONAL BROADBAND PLAN

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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has finalised a National Broadband Plan based on the recommendations of TRA;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the salient features of the plan and the funds earmarked for it;
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard so far;
- (d) whether the Government has approved National Optical Fibre Network at a cost of Rs. 20,000 crore;and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time frame fixed for its implementation?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA)

(a) & (b) No, Madam. Department of Telecommunications has received the recommendations made by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) dated 8 December 2010 on 'National Broadband Plan' which is under consideration.

(c) to (e) The Scheme for creation of National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN) for providing Broadband connectivity to Panchayats has been recommended by Telecom Commission at its meeting held on 22nd July 2011. The process of interministerial consultation for the proposed scheme is underway. Thereafter the proposal will be placed before the Cabinet for approval.