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

- (a) whether India ranks 109th in the world in term of average peak connection speed with the lowest average connection speed among Asian Countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government intends to take effective measures to increase the average connection speed and average peak speed of internet in the country in the new perspective of changing era; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Madam, as per the information provided by TRAI, no authentic information on average peak connection speeds in various countries is available.
- (c) & (d) Government vide its notification dated 18.07.2013 had defined the minimum download speed for broadband internet access as 512 kbps. Further, one of the objectives of National Telecom Policy 2012 is to provide affordable and reliable broadband-on-demand by the year 2015 and to achieve 175 million broadband connections by the year 2017 and 600 million by the year 2020 at minimum 2 Mbps download speed.