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

- (a) the details of the average internet speed available in India;
- (b) whether the average internet peak connection speed available in India is one of the lowest in the Asia-Pacific region;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government to increase the internet broadband speed and also to make the internet access available to all citizens?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (c) Madam, for assessing the performance of service providers relating to broadband connection speed, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has prescribed a parameter "Broadband Connection Speed (download)", the benchmark for which is >80% from Internet Service Provider Node to user. As per the Performance monitoring report for the quarter ending September 2014, all the service providers are meeting this benchmark.

(d) Apart from various other schemes, Government has also planned National Optical Fiber Network (NOFN) to connect all the 2,50,000 Gram panchayats in the country through optical fibre utilizing existing fibers of Public Sector Units viz. BSNL, RailTel and Power Grid and laying incremental fiber wherever necessary to bridge the connectivity gap between Gram Panchayats and Blocks, for providing broadband connectivity.