

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
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CONTRIBUTION OF TELECOM IN GDP  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether internet services and devices industry has the potential to increase its contribution to country's Gross Domestic Product by 2015;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India with a user base of 120 million is the world's third largest internet market and is poised to have upto 370 million users in 2015; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b) Yes, Madam. According to World Bank, a 10% increase in broadband penetration leads to increase in Gross Domestic Product of a developing country by 1.38%.

(c)&(d) As per the information provided by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India, the number of Internet subscribers in the country is 267.39 million including 85.74 million broadband connections, as on 31st December, 2014. It is further projected to reach 175 million broadband connections by the year 2017 and 600 million broadband connections by the year 2020.