

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA**

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BROADBAND INTERNET FACILITIES
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to give Braodband Internet facilities to all Gram Panchayats in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds allocated by the Government along with the time by which the said work is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a) Top of Form

(b) Bottom of Form

(a) to (c): The Government has approved the National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN) scheme of the Department of Telecommunications, wherein it is planned to connect all the Gram Panchayats in the country through optical fibre for providing broadband connectivity. The project is being funded by the Universal Service Obligation Fund and initial estimated cost of the project is Rs. 20,000 crores. The NOFN project is being implemented in a phased manner and is likely to be completed by March, 2017.