

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS  
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 491  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019**

**INTERNET FACILITY IN REMOTE VILLAGES OF RAJASTHAN**

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether remote villages in the State of Rajasthan do not have Internet facility and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (b) whether Internet/Broadband speed is very slow in the remote villages where the same is available;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the measures taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS, LAW & JUSTICE AND  
ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)**

- (a) There are 28.66 rural internet subscribers per 100 population in Rajasthan as per “The Indian Telecom Services Performance Indicators” report of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) dated 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019. The National Digital Communications Policy-2018 has been notified with strategic objectives which inter-alia includes provisioning of Broadband for all.
- (b) & (c) Internet speed depends inter-alia on various parameters such as technology deployed, network coverage, number of simultaneous users accessing the internet, connectivity to the website being accessed etc. The speed of mobile internet is further dependent on a number of factors such as distance from the Base Transceiver Station (BTS) serving the customer, the number of simultaneous users being served by the BTS, the traffic handled by the BTS etc. As such, the mobile users may experience different speed at different locations and time of usage.
- (d) Following initiatives/actions have been taken by the Government towards provisioning and improving broadband/internet services:
  - (i) Under BharatNet, broadband connectivity is to be provided to all the Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country, including Rajasthan. As on 07.11.2019, out of total approx. 10,070 GPs including BHQs, 8,683 GPs have been made service ready.

- (ii) As part of BharatNet project, the last mile connectivity through Wi-Fi or any other suitable broadband technology to access broadband/internet services is being provided at all the GPs in the country including Rajasthan. Work of Wi-Fi provisioning in 10,000 GPs in Rajasthan is being carried out by RajCOMPInfo Services Ltd. (RISL), a fully owned Company of Government of Rajasthan.
  
- (iii) Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) is funding a scheme for setting up of 25,000 public Wi-Fi hotspots including 1,645 in Rajasthan using the infrastructure of telephone exchanges of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in rural areas.

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