

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 270
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD FEBRUARY, 2023**

STATUS OF NDCP-2018

270 # Shri Sanjay Singh:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that several targets were set under NDCP-2018, including broadband for all, creation of 40 lakh jobs, 10 Gbps internet connectivity to all Gram Panchayats, by the year 2022;
- (b) if so, the details of the total works targetted under the scheme, the present status thereof, and the expenditure and funds allocated thereon;
- (c) the details of the total posts sanctioned, lying vacant and filled in respectively, in the field of digital communication, since 2018 year-wise; and
- (d) the total percentage of the Gram Panchayats having availed the 10Gbps connectivity and the citizens having availed the broadband services?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)**

- (a) Yes sir.
- (b) & (c): National Digital Communications Policy (NDCP) – 2018 is not a scheme, but a policy document which does not has a separately sanctioned head under budget. Various initiatives taken by the Government in line with the NDCP 2018 policy to strengthen the Telecom Sector Ecosystem have boosted the economic activity such as e-commerce, telecom manufacturing & operations, cable TV operations, etc. in the country. This has resulted in creating several job opportunities.
- (d) As on 16.01.2023, BharatNet has been extended in 70% Gram Panchayats with 100 mbps/ 1 Gbps capacity. However, the same can be upgraded to 10 Gbps as per the requirement. The Internet subscriber base is comprised of Broadband Internet subscriber base of 800.94 million and Narrowband Internet subscriber base of 35.92 million.
