

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1822
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4TH AUGUST, 2023**

SPEED AND QUALITY OF INTERNET

1822 # SHRI NEERAJ DANGI:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the position that India holds in the global mobile internet speed ranking as per the Report of the Speed Test Global Index;
- (b) the details of the status of average download speed and average upload speed in the country at present as per the Internet Speed Test Global Index;
- (c) whether any other steps are being taken by Government to improve the speed and quality of internet in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) to (d) The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is the United Nations specialized agency for information and communication technologies – ICTs. ITU does not publish data about ranking the countries for mobile internet speeds. Government has taken multiple steps to improve mobile internet speed in India which include availability of sufficient spectrum, reforms regarding spectrum usage charges, spectrum harmonization, reforms in respect of clearances for mobile towers, Right of Way rules, Gati Shakti Sanchar portal, etc.

As on 31st July, 2023 there are 27,38,351 Base Transceiver Station (BTSs) for mobile networks in the country vis a vis 6,49,834 BTSs as on 31st March, 2014.

As regards quality of Internet, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has laid down ‘The Standards of Quality of Service for Wireless Data Services Regulations, 2012’ on 4th December 2012 to benchmark the quality of service parameters for wireless data services and ‘Quality of Service of Broadband Service Regulations 2006 (11 of 2006)’ dated 6th October 2006 to benchmark the quality of service parameters for wireline broadband services. Service providers submit the Performance Monitoring Report (PMR) on quarterly basis to TRAI and the same is being released on TRAI website for the information of all stakeholders.
