

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT**  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UN-STARRED QUESTION NO. 265**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2017**

**INTERNET ACCESS FACILITATION**

**265. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH:**

- (a) whether career counselling as envisaged under the National Career Service Project is available to those who do not have access to online facilities, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether those who are financially incapable of regular access to online facilities can avail information on career opportunities via convenient means, if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government is aware that there are job applicants who do not have regular access to internet and world wide web in order to check job opportunities and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government has planned any measures to facilitate internet access to those who cannot afford it; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR FOR EMPLOYMENT**  
**(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)**

**(a) to (c):** The Ministry is implementing the National Career Service (NCS) Project as a Mission Mode Project for transformation of the National Employment Service to provide a variety of employment related services such as career counselling, vocational guidance, providing information on skill development courses etc. The NCS is an online portal ([www.ncs.gov.in](http://www.ncs.gov.in)) and is supported by a centralized multi lingual help desk.

The services of NCS are accessible to all irrespective of accessibility to internet connectivity. The NCS services can also be availed directly through the Employment Exchanges, Model Career Centres, Common Service Centres and Post Offices.

**(d) to (e):** In order to improve internet/ broadband facilities, BharatNet project has been planned to provide 100 Mbps broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (approx. 2.5 lakh) in the country by using an optimal mix of underground fibre, fibre over power lines, radio and satellite media. Under first phase of the project, 1 lakh Gram Panchayats (GPs) are to be connected by laying underground Optical Fibre Cable(OFC) which is under implementation. Under Phase-II, connectivity will be provided to remaining 1.5 lakh GPs in the country using an optimal mix of underground fibre, fibre over power lines, radio and satellite media. Provision of last mile access to the network and broadband service provisioning shall be through Wi-Fi or any other broadband access technologies in all 2,50,000 GPs in the country.