

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2018
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7th MARCH, 2018**

HIGH LEVEL COMMITTEE ON 5G SERVICES

2018. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up a high level committee to work on a road map to launch 5G services/network in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the Government is in the process of framing new numbering scheme for SIM cards to be used for Machine-to-Machine communications and if so, the details and the benefits thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

- (a) The Government has constituted a High Level Forum for 5G India 2020 on 22nd September 2017 comprising three Secretaries of Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology and Department of Science & Technology; and various stakeholders like global experts, academia, industry and industry associations; to work on the following: -
 - (i) Vision, Mission and Goals for 5G India 2020, and
 - (ii) Evaluate, approve roadmaps & action plans for 5G India 2020.

The High Level Forum has, so far, met on 13th December, 2017 and 7th February, 2018 and constituted Steering Committee and various Task Forces to work out roadmap of 5G technology in the country.

- (b) The Government has finalized a 13 digit numbering scheme only for SIM cards used in Machine to Machine (M2M) communications. The benefit of this 13 digit numbering scheme is to generate sufficient number of numbering resources for M2M communications.
