

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3022
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14th MARCH, 2018**

INTERNET AND 4G SERVICES

3022. DR. P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the schemes formulated by the Government to expand internet services in the rural areas of Rajasthan and Kerala; and
- (b) the names of cities of Rajasthan and Kerala covered under 4G services at present and the names of important cities and tourist places where 4G services would be made available by the end of this year?

ANSWER

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

- (a) BharatNet project is being implemented for providing broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (approx. 2,50,000) in the Country including those in Rajasthan and Kerala. This project is targeted to be completed by March 2019. In Rajasthan, 23,505 km of Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) has been laid upto 04.03.2018 for connecting 8,152 Gram Panchayats (GPs), out of which 8,137 GPs have been made Service Ready. Similarly, in Kerala 830 km of OFC has been laid upto 04.03.2018 for connecting 1,129 GPs and all of these GPs have been made Service Ready.
- (b) All the District Head Quarters of Rajasthan (33 Districts) and Kerala (14 Districts) and all the important cities and major tourist places falling under them are covered by 4G Services.
