

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1269
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th JULY, 2018**

TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES IN LAKSHADWEEP

1269. MOHAMMED FAIZAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to improve Telecommunications and Broadband facilities in Lakshadweep;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard and the result achieved thereon?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) **Yes, the details are as follows**

- i. Augmentation of Satellite bandwidth from 102 Mbps to 318 Mbps
- ii. Augmentation of 2G Mobile Coverage with EDGE Technology by adding 10 towers.
- iii. BharatNet project is being implemented in a phased manner for providing broadband connectivity to all the Gram Panchayats (GPs) (approx. 2,50,000) in the country including Lakshadweep.

(c) **Action taken in this regard and the result achieved**

- i. Augmentation of Satellite bandwidth from 102 Mbps to 318 Mbps – Bandwidth augmented to 358 Mbps.
- ii. Augmentation of 2G Mobile Coverage with EDGE Technology has been complete by installing and commissioning of 10 towers.
- iii. An MoU has been signed with Lakshadweep Administration for implementation of the BharatNet in the Union Territory in 10 GPs. BSNL is implementing the project.
