

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3569  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2018**

**NATIONAL DIGITAL COMMUNICATION POLICY**

3569. ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has unveiled National Digital Communication Policy, 2018 recently and if so, the details and the highlights thereof;
- (b) whether the said policy envisages to provide job opportunities in the digital communication sector and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the said policy is also expected to contribute more to the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and if so, the details 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 draft National Digital Communications Policy – 2018 was released for public consultations on 1st May, 2018. The process of finalizing the NDCP – 2018 is currently in progress within the Department. The draft NDCP-2018 recognizes the importance of continued improvement in the regulatory framework for attracting investments and ensuring fair competition, to serve the needs of citizens. It aims to attract long-term, high quality and sustainable investments by pursuing regulatory reforms to ensure that the regulatory structures and processes remain relevant, transparent, accountable and forward-looking. It also aims to remove regulatory barriers and reduce the regulatory burden that hampers investments, innovation and consumer interest.

(b) & (c) The strategic objectives of the draft NDCP-2018, inter-alia, include (i) creating, by the Year 2022, 4 Million additional jobs in the Digital Communications sector; and (ii) enhancing, by the Year 2022, the contribution of the Digital Communications sector to 8% of India's GDP from around 6% in 2017.

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