

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1585  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2018**

**REVERSE AUCTION MODEL**

1585. SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:  
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:  
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:  
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR DIWAKER:  
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:  
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering a reverse auction model for the sale of bandwidth for meeting fiscal needs and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has approved National Communications Policy 2018, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has plans to provide universal broadband service of 50 Mbps speed to every citizen under this scheme, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the funds invested in the scheme, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) No, Madam.

(b) to (d) Yes Madam. The Government has approved National Digital Communications Policy 2018. The National Digital Communications Policy-2018 (NDCP-2018) has been notified in the Gazette of India vide No. 2-14/2018-Policy (Pt-I) dated 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2018 with a vision to support India's transition to a digitally empowered economy and society. One of the goals of NDCP-2018 is to provide universal broadband connectivity at 50 Mbps to every citizen by 2022.

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