

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 767  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2019**

**BROADBAND SERVICE RANKING**

**767. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Telecom Companies ranks low in rolling out broadband services in the Asia-Pacific region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS, LAW & JUSTICE AND  
ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)**

(a) to (c) As per the TRAI report of March 2019, India has 544 million mobile broadband connections and 18 million fixed line broadband connections. As per latest International Telecommunication Union (ITU) data, amongst all countries of the Asia Pacific region:

- i. India has second highest number of mobile broadband connections
- ii. During 2017 India added third highest number of mobile broadband connections.

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