

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 837
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26TH JUNE, 2019**

INTERNET ACCESS

837. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether every village in Delhi has access to internet as of June, 2019 and if so, the details thereof and if not, whether the Government proposes to provide access to internet facility in these villages and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of villages in Delhi that are linked with optic fibre during the last three years; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to enhance availability of Internet across all areas in Delhi?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) All the villages of Delhi have access to internet services. As per “The Indian Telecom Services Performance Indicators” reports published by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on 04.04.2019, there are 95.28 internet subscribers per 100 population in rural areas of Delhi Licensed Service Area as on 30th December 2018.

The number of villages linked by Major Telecom Service Providers with optic fibre during the last three years is as under:

(i)	Bharti Airtel Ltd.	-	63
(ii)	Reliance JioInfocomm Ltd.	-	68
(iii)	Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd.	-	5
(iv)	Vodafone Idea Ltd.	-	13

Government has allocated 965 Megahertz spectrum through auction in October 2016 to various telecom service providers for access services in the country including Delhi. During this auction, the spectrum as detailed below has been allocated in Delhi Licensed Service Area:

Spectrum Band	Quantum of Spectrum Allocated
1800 MHz	2 MHz (Paired)
2100 MHz	5 MHz (Paired)
2300 MHz	20 MHz
2500 MHz	20 MHz

In order to enhance the internet availability of internet, 3G/4G networks are being rolled out progressively by the telecom service providers in rural as well as urban areas.
