

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3958
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18TH MARCH, 2020**

NATIONAL BROADBAND MISSION IN TAMIL NADU

3958. SHRI S. VENKATESAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount to be allocated by the Government to the State of Tamil Nadu under the National Broadband Mission;
- (b) the number of districts in Tamil Nadu likely to be included under this mission;
- (c) whether Government has considered fast track telecom connectivity in the villages under the mission and if so, the details thereof, including Madurai district of Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) the details of the target set under this mission?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS,
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE)**

(a) & (b) The likely investment under the National Broadband Mission is around Rs 7 Lakh crore which is to be catalysed largely by the industry out of which contribution by the Government through Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) is envisaged to be around 10%, that is, approximately Rs. 70,000 crore which will cover all the States in the country including all the districts of the State of Tamil Nadu.

(c) The National Broadband Mission (NBM) envisages the vision to enable fast track growth of digital communications infrastructure, bridge the digital divide for digital empowerment and inclusion, and provide affordable and universal access of broadband for all which will cover all the villages in the country including Madurai district of Tamil Nadu.

(d) Under the National Broadband Mission, following deliverables are to be achieved during the Mission period:-

- Broadband connectivity to all villages.
- Availability of high broadband speeds.
- Acceleration of fiberization.
- Increasing tower density and fiberization of telecom towers.
- Mapping of fibre.
