

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 577
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH SEPTEMBER, 2020**

SUBMARINE CABLE CONNECTIVITY

577. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched sub-marine cable connectivity to Andaman & Nicobar Islands recently;
- (b) if so, the details and the features thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has proposed to launch such facility to Lakshadweep also in the near future;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The sub-marine cable connectivity project to Andaman & Nicobar Islands was inaugurated and dedicated to the nation by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 10th August 2020. The project provides bandwidth of 2 x 200 Gbps between Chennai and Port Blair and 2 x 100 Gbps between Port Blair and other seven islands namely Swaraj Dweep, Long Island, Rangat, Little Andaman, Kamorta, Great Nicobar and Car Nicobar. It will facilitate delivery of e-Governance services, telemedicine, tele-education, e-commerce, e-learning and knowledge sharing, etc.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) Digital Communications Commission (DCC) on 20th December 2019 has approved the sub-marine cable connectivity project from Kochi to Lakshadweep's eleven Islands namely Kavarati, Kalpeni, Agatti, Amini, Androth, Minicoy, Bangaram, Bitra, Chetlat, Kiltan and Kadmath. The project envisages providing bandwidth of 2 x 100 Gbps between Kochi and eleven Islands of Lakshadweep.
- (e) Not applicable in view of (d) above.
