

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1523
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH FEBRUARY, 2021**

NATIONAL BROADBAND MISSION

†1523. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:
SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA:
SHRIMATI GEETA KORA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government aims to provide broadband facility in every village across the country by the year 2022 under the National Broadband Mission;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the funds likely to be spent thereunder;
- (d) whether the said mission is based on the PPP model; and
- (e) if so, the names of the companies with which agreements have been made by the Government for implementation of the said mission along with the Statewise details thereof including Madhya Pradesh?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Provision of broadband access to all villages of the country by the year 2022 is a target under the National Broadband Mission. This is to be achieved by utilizing appropriate technologies, including optical fiber, radio networks and satellite. The mission further aims to make available benefits of broadband infrastructure to everyone in the villages and to provide high speed broadband access to key developmental institutions in rural areas. It is envisaged that the Government through the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) may invest approximately Rupees 70,000 Crore under the mission.

(d) & (e) BharatNet project, which is one of the major components of the Mission, in its second phase, is being implemented through various models such as Central Public Sector Undertaking (CPSU)-led Model, State-led Model, Private Sector-led Model and partly through PPP mode. The concessionaire for the project is proposed to be engaged through open tender.
