

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4707
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24TH MARCH, 2021**

NATIONAL BROADBAND MISSION IN MAHARASHTRA

4707. SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds allocated to the State of Maharashtra under the National Broadband Mission;
- (b) the progress of the said Mission in terms of increased tower density, number of villages in the State provided with broadband services and the length of Optical Fiber laid down in the State during the last three years; and
- (c) the time by which all the villages in State are proposed to be provided with broadband access under the aforesaid mission?

ANSWER

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

- (a) It is envisaged that the Government through the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) may invest approximately Rupees 70, 000 Crore under the National Broadband Mission, which will cover all the States of the country including the State of Maharashtra;
- (b) Data related to establishment of tower, broadband connectivity and Optical Fiber Cables (OFCs) laid in the State of Maharashtra during last three years are not available as the related data has been compiled on cumulative basis and not year-wise. As per the cumulative data, till date, in the State of Maharashtra, 68272 telecom towers have been established, 38631 villages have been provided with mobile coverage (as per the data collected from the Telecom Service Providers), and under BharatNet project, 70695 Km OFCs have been laid; and
- (c) The mission targets to provide broadband access to all villages of the country, including all villages of Maharashtra, by 2022.
