

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1531
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28th JULY, 2021**

SATELLITE BROADBAND SERVICES

1531. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA KRISHNA RAJU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating on introducing Satellite Broadband Service in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether private players have been roped in to provide this Satellite Broadband Service to the customers and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which the said service is likely to be made available?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)**

- (a) & (b) Telecom Service Providers/Internet Service Providers are free to use any technology including satellites for rendering broadband service based on their techno-commercial considerations. GSAT-11 and GSAT-19, the High Throughput Satellites of ISRO, are already in use for broadband connectivity under BharatNet programme.
- (c) Private players are allowed to render their satellite based broadband service subject to compliance with Satcom Policy of Department of Space.
- (d) The broadband service through satellite is already being provided to Gram Panchayats under BharatNet programme.
