

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2385
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH MARCH, 2022**

RIGHT OF WAY PERMISSIONS

2385. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that the one of the reasons for delay in broadband penetration is not getting Right of Way permissions(RoW);
- (b) if so, the efforts being made by the Government to convince and persuade States for clearing permissions for RoW;
- (c) whether any regular review meetings are held with service providers and other stakeholders on the progress of work and approvals; and
- (d) if so, the details of States where the above problems are encountered by the Government and the service providers?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b) Yes Sir, Department of Telecommunication (DoT) is taking up the issue across States and Union Territories at various levels at regular intervals.
- (c) & (d) Yes Sir, problems are encountered in most of the States/ Union Territories. The State Broadband Committee, chaired by Chief Secretaries are periodically reviewing the pending RoW applications.
