

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2488  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2022**

**ACCESS OF INTERNET FACILITY**

2488. SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the access of internet facility in the country;
- (b) the details of villages in India that are 100% connected with Broadband internet facility;
- (c) the percentage of households that have access to sufficient number of digital services for the education of all their children through online mediums; and
- (d) the details of the percentage of households using internet facilities for accessing healthcare like doctor consultations, purchase of medicines, etc.?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) As per “The Indian Telecom Services Performance Indicators” report released by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on 10th January, 2022 there were total 834.29 million internet subscribers in the country as on 30th September, 2021 which is 60.96 Internet Subscribers per 100 population.

Internet/broadband facility is being provided in rural areas by the Licensed Service Providers through wireless mobile and wireline connections. As per data provided by Telecom Service Providers and field units of Department of Telecommunications, it is estimated that out of 5,97,618 inhabited villages (as per Census 2011) in the country, 5,58,537 villages have mobile wireless broadband coverage.

Monitoring of availability of Internet facility is done on the basis of number of subscribers. Availability of Internet connectivity enables public to access all kinds of online digital services including in the field of education and healthcare.

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