

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4470
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EXPANSION OF TELECOM AND DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY

4470. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are targeted initiatives under implementation to bring high-speed internet connectivity to the last mile in remote and hilly regions;
- (b) the manner in which the Government ensuring affordable access to mobile and broadband services in underserved rural and economically weaker areas; and
- (c) the details of the progress of national digital literacy campaigns and the manner in which they are being adapted for low-income and low-connectivity districts?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(DR. PEMMASANI CHANDRA SEKHAR)**

- (a) & (b) Government is implementing various schemes under Digital Bharat Nidhi for expansion of internet facilities through installation of 4G mobile towers in the rural and remote areas of the country under 4G saturation project. In addition, BharatNet project is being implemented in a phased manner to provide high-speed broadband connectivity such as Wi-Fi Hotspots, Fibre to the Home (FTTH) connections etc. to all the Gram Panchayats (GPs) and villages on demand basis.
- (c) Schemes like Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) were launched under the Digital India Programme to achieve digital literacy leading to training of 6.39 crore individuals across the country. Further, a total of 14,12,476 candidates have been certified in last 5 years in various digital literacy courses provided by National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT).
