

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 840  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2026**

**SATELLITE-BASED INTERNET SERVICES**

**840. SHRI BAIJAYANT PANDA:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether satellite-based internet services have commenced in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons for the delay and the expected timelines for commencing such services; and
- (d) the details of the number of applications/companies that have applied for licences to provide satellite-based internet services in the country including the status of spectrum allocation?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d) During the last five years, Nelco Limited, Yotta Network Services Private Limited, OneWeb India Communications Private Limited, JIO Satellite Communications Limited, Starlink Satellite Communications Private Limited, Amazon Kuiper Services India Private Limited, and Connect4sure Technologies Private Limited have applied to Department of Telecommunications (DoT) for grant of Unified License (UL) with authorization for Global Mobile Personal Communication by Satellite (GMPCS) Service.

Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has granted Unified License (UL) with Global Mobile Personal Communication by Satellite (GMPCS) Service authorization to three companies, namely OneWeb India Communications Private Limited, JIO Satellite Communications Limited, and Starlink Satellite Communications Private Limited, to provide, inter alia, satellite-based internet services in the country.

The commencement of commercial operations by the above licensees depends on the successful demonstration of compliance with the stipulated security and technical conditions and the spectrum assignment to them for providing commercial services.

DoT has sought recommendations from Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on terms and conditions of spectrum assignment, including spectrum pricing for satellite-based communication services. TRAI provided its Recommendations on 09.05.2025 and response to DoT's back-reference on 08.12.2025.

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