GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1765
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9th DECEMBER, 2015

WHITE SPACE SPECTRUM

1765. DR. GOKARAJU GANGA RAJU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a)   whether the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay has set up India's first pilot test-bed which uses unused frequencies allocated to broadcasting and exploits this 'white space' spectrum to provide broadband Internet connectivity in rural areas;

(b)   if so, the details thereof;

(c)   whether the Government's flagship "Digital India Programme" will consider this project for broadband connectivity of villages; and

(d)   if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) & (b)   The Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay has set up test-bed in TV white space with objective to assess the feasibility of providing broadband internet connectivity using TV white spaces. The test-beds have been set up in six villages of Palghar district of Maharashtra, namely, Khamloli, Haloli, Ganje, Pargaon, Manor and Maswan.

(c) & (d)   The proposal for use of TV white space for broadband internet connectivity is under consideration.

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