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(DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY)

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1061**

TO BE ANSWERED ON: 02.03.2016

**UTILITY OF TDIL PROGRAMME**

**1061     SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:**

Will the Minister of Communications & Information Technology be pleased to state: -

- (a) whether the Government has taken any measures to create awareness about the Technology Development for Indian Languages (TDIL) Programme;
- (a) if so, the details thereof, and if not the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has been able to monitor the utility of the TDIL Programme;
- (a) if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the status of the National Broadband Roll-Out Plan for the year 2014-15 and
- (c) whether the Government intends to take measures to increase the progress rate and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) and (b): Yes, Madam. TDIL portal (<http://tdil-dc.in>) provides information about the technologies, tools and resources developed under TDIL Programme. In addition, advertisements for proliferation of language CD tools were released across India on Aug-2013, 26th Dec 2014 and 24th Feb-2015 in 22 Indian Languages in National and Regional newspapers to spread awareness.

(c) and (d): Yes, Madam. Under the TDIL Programme, several language tools, technologies and resources have been developed which have helped citizens to use ICT tools in their own languages. The projects implemented under this programme are monitored by the respective Project Review and Steering Group. In addition, the progress of the TDIL Programme is also periodically monitored by the TDIL Working Group.

(e) and (f): Yes, Madam. National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN) project now renamed as BharatNet was planned, in 2011, to connect all Gram Panchayats (approx. 2.5 lakh) in the country through Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) utilizing existing fibres of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) viz. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL) and RailTel and laying incremental fibre wherever necessary to bridge the connectivity gap between Gram Panchayats (GPs) and Blocks for providing broadband connectivity. The project is being executed by a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), namely, Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL), which has been incorporated on 25.02.2012 under Indian Companies Act 1956. Under this project, at least 100 Mbps bandwidth has to be provided in all the estimated 2.5 lakh GPs for utilization by all categories of service providers on non-discriminatory basis including Internet Service Providers.

State-wise status of NOFN, as on 31.01.2016, is given in the Statement at Annexure.

In order to expedite the progress, NOFN is being reviewed frequently at all the levels. A number of measures were taken as under:

- (i) Empower the field units of BBNL and the 3 PSUs.
- (ii) Iron out constraints in supply of materials.
- (iii) Devolve greater autonomy on the implementing agencies and
- (iv) Induct professionalism in the procurements and execution.

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**Annexure****Statewise status of NOFN (BharatNet) as on 31.01.2016**

S.No.	States/ UTs	No. of Gram Panchayats (GPs)- Phase I	Pipe laid (kms.)	Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) laid (in kms)	No. of GPs where OFC laid	No. of GPs lit
1.	Jammu & Kashmir	624	93	69	47	0
2.	Himachal Pradesh	283	201	75	14	0
3.	Punjab	6128	4432	3280	2055	0
4.	Haryana	6090	4775	4340	2776	45
5.	Rajasthan	6967	11281	10065	3092	71
6.	Chandigarh	12	18	19	12	12
7.	Uttarakhand	1767	1190	862	554	46
8.	UP (West)	8040	8095	4290	2055	65
9.	UP (East)	14474	14634	10545	4764	36
10.	Bihar	5202	6416	5303	1936	124
11.	West Bengal	2713	1933	1683	619	0
12.	Sikkim	0	0	0	0	0
13.	Assam	1013	1751	1359	515	23
14.	Jharkhand	1388	2600	1862	770	84
15.	Odisha	3388	4086	2960	1355	12
16.	Andaman & Nicobar	69	0	0	0	0
17.	Arunachal Pradesh	256	272	69	10	0
18.	Nagaland	743	1160	509	154	0
19.	Manipur	24	71	73	24	0
20.	Meghalaya	638	737	210	47	0
21.	Tripura	1021	1277	951	434	40
22.	Mizoram	163	183	0	0	0
23.	Madhya Pradesh	10516	15531	12134	3898	26
24.	Chattishgarh	2110	4368	3913	1258	171
25.	Gujarat	5735	5508	3572	1648	91
26.	Maharashtra	12055	11078	7826	3478	37
27.	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	0	0
29.	Karnataka	5599	9596	9248	4348	2283
30.	Andhra Pradesh	0	1913	19	0	0
31.	Telengana	2097	3912	2883	1296	5
32.	Tamil Nadu	0	0	0	0	0
33.	Kerala	977	746	810	1129	1129
34.	Pudducherry	98	82	92	98	101
35.	Lakshadweep	10	0	0	0	0

36.	Goa*	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>100200</b>	<b>117939</b>	<b>89021</b>	<b>38386</b>	<b>4401</b>

\*All the GPs of Goa are already connected with Optical Fibre.

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