(c) Production is likely to further increase due to planned enhancement in productivity and deployment of Heavy Earth Moving Machineries. Further, an exercise has been carried out by CIL to prepare a roadmap for achieving a coal production level of 1 Billion Tonnes by the year 2019-20. CIL has identified mines with a production capacity of 908 million tonnes so far.

(d) The gap between demand and supply of coal cannot be bridged completely as there is insufficient domestic availability of coking coal and power plants designed on imported coal will continue to import coal for their production. However, the focus of the Government is to increase coal production to the extent possible by facilitating Environment and Forest clearances expeditiously, pursuing with State Government for assistance in land acquisition and coordinated efforts with Railways for movement of coal.

Digitally mapping of addresses of citizens and establishments

52. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to map the addresses of the citizens and the establishments digitally, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the advantage of digital mapping envisaged?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) During the 12th Five Year Plan, the Department of Posts had launched the National Address Database Management System (NADBMS) scheme to compile a database of physical addresses in the country. In view of the changing requirements, the Department has now decided to digitise such addresses. The objective is to create an enabling digital platform, which can be used to precisely locate addresses, bringing efficiencies in the delivery of mail and parcels as well as aiding faster delivery of goods and services by other government and non-government agencies.

Connecting panchayats with optical fibres

53. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL) has a proposal to connect 1.5 lakh panchayats by laying of the optical fibre and high speed broadband connectivity in the country till 2020;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the present status thereof;

(c) how many rural areas have been connected so far with optical fibre and high speed broadband connectivity; and

(d) how much of funds have been utilised for this proposal so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) to (c) The BharatNet project is being executed by Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL) in a phased manner for providing broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (GPs) (approx. 2,50,000) in the country. On 19.07.2017, the Union Cabinet approved a modified strategy for implementing Bharat Net in three Phases. Under phase-I, 100,000 GPs are under implementation. The remaining 1,50,000 GPs (approx.) are being implemented through an optimal mix of underground/aerial OFC, radio and satellite media, under Phase-II. The project is targeted to be completed by March 2019. As on 10.12.2017, Optical Fibre connectivity has been provided to 1,05,831 GPs by laying 2,48,233 km Optical Fibre Cable and 82,540 GPs are service ready.

(d) As on 08.12.2017, ₹ 11885.97 crore has been provided to BBNL and ₹ 10,490 crore has since been utilized.

Late arrival of Registered Post within the same district of Uttarakhand

†54. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a registered post from district headquarter in Uttarakhand takes 10 days to reach a destination within the same district, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government would take steps to ensure that registered post, within the same district, reaches its destination in three days, along with the details of such steps, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) No, Sir. The Department of Posts maintains Management Information System (MIS) data in its online application 'R-Net' for monitoring performance of Registered Post. As per the MIS for the months of October and November 2017, the average transit time taken for a registered article booked for delivery in the state of Uttarakhand was 4.4 days and 3.9 days respectively. However, it is possible that owing to the difficult terrain of the state and in exceptional circumstances such as landslides etc., occasional delays in mail transmission and delivery might have taken place.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.