

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2622  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2022**

**5G FIBRE OPTIMISATION**

**2622 SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN:**

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is taking any steps to change the current scenario, considering that just 33 per cent of the telecom towers are connected with optical fibre in the country while 70 per cent is the optimal capacity for utilization of 5G services;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the timeline by when Government is looking to connect to optical fibre at maximum capacity?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS  
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)**

(a) to (c) Yes. National Broadband Mission has a target to increase fiberisation of telecom towers to 70% by 2024-25. Plan of action under the Mission include:

- i) All villages to have access to broadband;
- ii) Accelerate Fiberisation;
- iii) Increasing tower density;
- iv) Increase fiberisation of telecom towers;
- v) Easing of Right of Way (RoW) permissions in coordination with State/UTs & other central ministries.

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