

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 379
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4TH FEBRUARY, 2022**

IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL BROADBAND MISSION IN RAJASTHAN

379 # DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the funds allocated to the State of Rajasthan under the National Broadband Mission;
- (b) the details of progress made under the said Mission in respect of increasing the tower density and the number of villages in the State where broadband services have been provided and the length of optical fibre cables laid during the last three years; and
- (c) by when it is proposed to provide broadband to all the villages of Dausa, Karauli and Alwar districts of Rajasthan under the said Mission?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) The investment envisaged under the National Broadband Mission (NBM), is to be catalysed largely by Telecom Licensees and infrastructure providers and by Government through Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF). The details of progress made under the said mission in the State of Rajasthan is as below:

- (i) The number of towers increased from 24869 to 37342 during the period from Mar 2018 to Dec 2021 respectively.
- (ii) Number of Villages with broadband services: 530 villages have been provided mobile broadband services during the last three years. Cumulatively out of 43264 census villages in Rajasthan, 41826 villages have been provided mobile broadband services.
- (iii) Length of optical fibre cable (OFC) laid: OFC laid has increased from 123516 Km to 174123 Km during the period from Mar 2018 to Dec 2021 respectively.

(c) The status is as below:

Sl. No.	Name of the District	No. of Villages	No. of Villages provided with mobile broadband services (3G and/ or 4G)
1	Dausa	1079	1078
2	Karauli	851	793
3	Alwar	2021	2004

Under the National Broadband Mission, it is envisaged to provide broadband to all villages which duly encompasses all the villages in the State of Rajasthan including the villages in the Districts of Dausa, Karauli and Alwar. The connectivity to the uncovered villages is being provided by the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) as part of the expansion of their own network in a phased manner, using various types of media depending upon techno-commercial feasibility.
