

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 970
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13TH FEBRUARY, 2025**

BROADBAND PENETRATION IN THE COUNTRY

970 SHRI ANIL KUMAR YADAV MANDADI:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is installing adequate number of towers to enhance the broadband penetration in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has prepared a roadmap to bring more and more broadband users under its telecom companies viz., BSNL and MTNL;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(DR. PEMMASANI CHANDRA SEKHAR)**

(a) & (b) Government is implementing various schemes under Digital Bharat Nidhi for expansion of telecom connectivity through installation of 4G mobile towers in the rural and remote areas of the country under 4G saturation project. The 4G saturation project is for provisioning of 4G mobile connectivity in 24,680 uncovered villages in the country so that every village in country is covered with 4G services.

(c) to (e) In line with “AtmaNirbhar Bharat” initiative, BSNL has already installed 78,162 eNode B for quick rollout of 4G mobile broadband across the country. In addition, a total of 1.5 crore Fibre to the Home connections are planned under Amended BharatNet Program where BSNL is the Project Management Agency.
