

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *123
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.12.2017

MAKING INTERNET AVAILABILITY A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT

***123 SHRI HARIVANSH:**

Will the Minister of Electronics and Information Technology be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether Government proposes to make internet availability a fundamental right; and
- (b) if so, the plan of Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA STARRED
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(a): No, Sir.

(b): The Government of India is committed to provide internet connectivity to its citizens. As per a report from TRAI, as on June, 2017, India has over 431.21 million internet users and with several million new internet users joining every month, this has resulted in more and more Indians coming online and using the internet, giving them the freedom to experience and use the internet in every aspect of their lives.

Government of India's 'Digital India' programme envision to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. The pillars of Digital India programme namely Broadband Highways, Universal Access to Mobile Connectivity and Public Internet Access Programme address the issue Internet availability in the country.
