

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4087**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 07.04.2017

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR BHARATNET IN MADHYA PRADESH**

**4087      DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA:**

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

- (a) the objectives and action plan for implementation of BharatNet project; and
- (b) the activity-wise updated details of financial assistance given to Madhya Pradesh State Electronics Development Corporation in Madhya Pradesh for operating the project in the said reference?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY)

(a): BharatNet Project is being implemented to provide broadband connectivity to all the Gram Panchayats (approx. 2,50,000) in the country and to provide non-discriminatory access to Service Providers, for provision of services in rural areas. The project is being funded by Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF).

(b): An amount of Rs.3.095 Crores has been released on 20.07.2016 to MPSEDC (Madhya Pradesh State Electronics Development Corporation) as 50% advance fund for survey, and, GIS mapping of electric poles for connecting GPs under BharatNet Phase-II using aerial cable.

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