GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2883
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 18.07.2019

BROADBAND READINESS INDEX OF STATES

2883. DR BANDA PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a)   whether Government is planning to launch broadband services readiness index of States based on parameters like infrastructure, approval processes and utilisation of high speed internet;

(b)   if so, the details thereof; and

(c)   if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a)   to (c) As part of National Digital Communication Policy-2018 (NDCP), Government envisages to launch Broadband Readiness Index report of States/UTs to be performed annually, with the following objectives:

(i)   Create robust and high quality Digital Communications (DC) infrastructure

(ii)   Attract investments in creating next generation DC infrastructure

(iii)   Simplification of compliances and procedures

(iv)   Create a collaborative institutional mechanism between Centre, States and Local Bodies

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