

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2181
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INTERNET ACCESSIBILITY IN NER
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Unstarred Question No.3954 dated August 23, 2005 and state:

- (a) whether the Government has ensured up gradation of National Internet backbone and installation of separate server at Guwahati as well as covering of inaccessible remote areas of the NER including river islands with WLL network;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the river islands already covered with WLL network;
- (c) if not, the target set for its completion;
- (d) whether all district and sub-divisional headquarters of the region including Lakhimpur and Dhemaji town of Assam are yet to be provided with 24 hrs assured internet accessibility;
- (e) if so, the details and the current status thereof indicating the towns already provided with broadband service; and
- (f) the target set for ensuring uninterrupted internet accessibility to all the towns and block headquarters?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

- (a) Yes, Sir. The National Internet Backbone (NIB) has been upgraded by installing A4 type Node (with core and edge routers) at Guwahati. Also a separate server (One number of broadband remote access and narrowband remote access server) has been installed at Guwahati. There is a plan to cover inaccessible remote areas of NER with WLL network. For this purpose 102 BTS will be installed in Assam, 63 BTS in North East-I, 14 BTS in Sikkim and 67 BTS in North East-II.
- (b) Coverage Plan for River Islands in Assam by WLL BTS is given in the Annexure.
- (c) Target of completion of work is 31.3.2007.
- (d) The dial up Internet connectivity is available in all District and Sub-division Head Quarters including Lakhimpur and Dhemaji town of Assam on 24 Hours basis.
- (e) The broadband service is presently available in six town of Assam viz. Guwahati, Jorhat, Nagaon, Silchar, Dibrugarh and Tinsukia.
- (f) The dial up Internet connectivity is already available in all towns and Block Head Quarters of Assam on 24 Hours basis.