

# National Broadband Mission (NBM)

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The Minister for Communications launched the National Broadband Mission to fulfill all aspirations of the people and enables fast track growth of digital communication infrastructure.

## **Vision**

The vision of the NBM is to **fast track growth of digital communications infrastructure, bridge the digital divide, facilitate digital empowerment and inclusion and provide affordable and universal access of broadband for all.**

## **Objectives**

Some of the objectives of the Mission which is structured with a strong emphasis on the three principles of universality, affordability, and quality are:

- **Broadband access to all villages by 2022**
- Facilitate universal and equitable access to broadband services for across the country and especially in rural and remote areas
- Laying of incremental 30 lakhs route km of **Optical Fiber Cable** and **increase in tower density** from 0.42 to 1.0 tower per thousand of the population by 2024
- Significantly improve the quality of services for mobile and internet
- Develop innovative implementation models for **Right of Way (RoW) and to work** with States/UTs for having consistent policies pertaining to expansion of digital infrastructure including for RoW approvals required for

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- Develop a **Broadband Readiness Index (BRI)** to measure the availability of digital communications infrastructure and a conducive policy ecosystem within a State/UT.
- **Creation of a digital fiber map of the Digital Communications network** and infrastructure, including Optical Fiber Cables and Towers, across the country
- Investment from stakeholders of USD 100 billion (Rs 7 Lakh Crore) including Rs 70,000 crore from Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF)
- Address policy and regulatory changes required to accelerate the expansion and creation of digital infrastructure and services
- Work with all stakeholders including the concerned Ministries / Departments/ Agencies, and Ministry of Finance, for enabling investments for the Mission