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**KUALA LUMPUR:** The Communications and Multimedia Ministry hopes to implement soon the decision requiring all new housing and industrial projects to provide Internet access, the Dewan Rakyat was told yesterday.

Minister Gobind Singh Deo said discussions on the matter are ongoing and a decision may be forthcoming soon.

The implementation of the policy will do away with the need for the early users in new housing or industrial projects to bear the high cost of Internet infrastructure and installation, he said.

Gobind was replying to a supplementary question from Khoo Poay Tiong (PH-Kota Melaka) who wanted to know why the early users have to bear the Unifi infrastructure cost in newly developed areas when those who come later are not required to do so.

“We have to ensure that all new

development projects, be they housing, industrial and so on, should have the infrastructure for Internet access to avert problems in the future,” the minister said.

Gobind also said that the ministry is also planning to implement the High-Speed Broadband project to provide the high-speed broadband facility in state capitals, major towns and high-impact economic areas throughout the country, including in the Lanang parliamentary constituency.

“To date, more than 23,000 connections have been provided involving the upgrading of two telecommunications stations in Lanang.

“Besides, an additional 480 connections for the expansion of the fixed-line network is under implementation and is expected to be completed in stages up to the fourth quarter of 2019, concentrated more in the rural fringes,” he said.