GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1935
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th AUGUST, 2021

CONNECTION OF PANCHAYAT HEADQUARTERS WITH OPTICAL FIBRE

1935# Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the Panchayat Headquarters in the country have been connected with optical fibre cable;

(b) if so, the details of their number, State-wise; and

(c) if not, the number of remaining Gram Panchayats, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)

(a) BharatNet project is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country through an optimal mix of media (Optical Fibre Cable/Radio/Satellite). As on 09.07.2021, a total number of 1,57,919 GPs have been made Service Ready, out of which 1,53,836 GPs are connected on Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) media in the country.

(b) & (c) The State/Union Territory (UT)-wise details of the Service Ready GPs on OFC, and the remaining GPs which are yet to be made Service Ready on OFC under BharatNet project in the country, are given in **Annexure.**

Annexure

Annexure referred to in Parts (b) & (c) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1935 for answer on 05.08.2021

State/UT-wise details of BharatNet project (as on 09.07.2021)

S. No.	State/UT	Total number of GPs	No. of Service Ready GPs on OFC	No. of GPs yet to be made Service Ready on OFC
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	70	19	51
2	Andhra Pradesh*	13371	1703	11668
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1796	79	1717
4	Assam	2662	1497	1165
5	Bihar	8404	8293	111
6	Chandigarh	12	12	0
7	Chhattisgarh*	11664	7857	3807
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	38	36	2
9	Goa#	191	0	191
10	Gujarat*	14402	13635	767
11	Haryana	6171	6082	89
12	Himachal Pradesh	3226	251	2975
13	Jammu & Kashmir	4289	380	3909
14	Jharkhand*	4395	3683	712
15	Karnataka	6084	6080	4
16	Kerala	977	977	0
17	Ladakh	193	0	193
18	Lakshadweep	10	0	10
19	Madhya Pradesh	22791	15751	7040
20	Maharashtra*	27882	19354	8528
21	Manipur	2785	320	2465
22	Meghalaya	1790	122	1668
23	Mizoram	763	41	722

S. No.	State/UT	Total number of GPs	No. of Service Ready GPs on OFC	No. of GPs yet to be made Service Ready on OFC
24	Nagaland	994	127	867
25	Odisha*	6817	5894	923
26	Puducherry	108	98	10
27	Punjab	13262	12664	598
28	Rajasthan	11341	8730	2611
29	Sikkim	186	22	164
30	Tamil Nadu*$	12520	0	12520
31	Telangana*	12769	4187	8582
32	Tripura	1021	569	452
33	Uttar Pradesh	58710	31599	27111
34	Uttarakhand	7791	1512	6279
35	West Bengal	3340	2262	1078
Total		**262825**	153836	108989

***** The Phase-II is being implemented under State-Led model in these States.

$ Tamil Nadu State Government signed the MoU with Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) on 31.03.2017 for implementation of BharatNet project. Phase-I of BharatNet was accordingly not taken up in Tamil Nadu and the State's GPs are being implemented in Phase-II under State-Led model.

Goa had its own similar broadband network and thus not taken up under Phase-I & Phase-II of BharatNet Project.

Note : Delhi has no GPs and thus not taken up under BharatNet Project.

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