

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS  
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 334  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2024**

**OPTICAL FIBER CABLE NETWORK IN JHARKHAND**

**334 # SHRI ADITYA PRASAD:**

Will the Minister of *Communications* be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of cities connected with Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) network in the State of Jharkhand;
- (b) whether the remote, rural and tribal areas of the State are also being connected with OFC;
- (c) if so, the district-wise details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
(DR. PEMMASANI CHANDRA SEKHAR)**

- (a) All the 40 towns including cities (as per census 2011) in Jharkhand are connected with Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) network of BSNL and other Telecom service providers.
- (b) to d) Under the BharatNet scheme of USOF, all the Gram Panchayats (GP) of the country including Jharkhand are being connected on OFC. The GPs include remote, rural and tribal areas of Jharkhand. District-wise details of GPs of Jharkhand connected on OFC is given in **Annexure-I**.

**Annexure-I**

Annexure referred to in Part (c) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 334 for answer on 25.07.2024

**District-wise details of GPs of Jharkhand connected on OFC under BharatNet scheme**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>No. of GPs connected on OFC</b>
1	BOKARO	251
2	CHATRA	152
3	DEOGHAR	193
4	DHANBAD	256
5	DUMKA	206
6	EAST SINGHBUM	226
7	GARHWA	189
8	GIRIDIH	357
9	GODDA	201
10	GUMLA	159
11	HAZARIBAGH	254
12	JAMTARA	118
13	KHUNTI	86
14	KODERMA	109
15	LATEHAR	109
16	LOHARDAGA	64
17	PAKUR	128
18	PALAMU	281
19	RAMGARH	142
20	RANCHI	301
21	SAHEBGANJ	163
22	SARAIKELA KHARSAWAN	132
23	SIMDEGA	94
24	WEST SINGHBHUM	217
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4388</b>

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