

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1133  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2024**

**STATUS OF BHARATNET PROJECT**

**1133 SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:**

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Gram Panchayats connected and made service-ready under the BharatNet project as of date, State-wise;
- (b) the total length of optical fiber cable laid in each State under the project;
- (c) the number of Gram Panchayats where connectivity is currently non-operational, Statewise; and
- (d) the funds allocated and utilized for the project since its inception, State-wise?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) Under the BharatNet project that is being implemented in a phased manner, 2,14,283 Gram Panchayats (GPs) have been made service ready till end of Oct' 2024. A total of 6,92,099 km optical fibre cable (OFC) has been laid across India under the project. State-wise details of service ready GPs and optical fibre laid under the project is available on Digital Bharat Nidhi website (<https://usof.gov.in/en/home>).

(d) State-wise details of funds allocated/utilized under the BharatNet project is available on Digital Bharat Nidhi website (<https://usof.gov.in/en/home>).

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