

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 339  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024**

**BHARATNET PROJECT IN TAMIL NADU**

**339 SHRI R. DHARMAR:**

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the features of the BharatNet Project;
- (b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under this project within Tamil Nadu during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the details of the number of villages connected with broadband facility under this project within Tamil Nadu;
- (d) whether Government has the data of villages still not connected with this facility within Tamil Nadu and the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken by Government for expeditious coverage of these villages under this scheme?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) BharatNet project is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all the Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country. The infrastructure created under the project is a national asset, accessible on a non-discriminatory basis to the Service Providers, and the same can be utilized to provide broadband services, such as Fiber to the Home (FTTH) connections, leased lines, dark fiber, backhaul to mobile towers, etc. in the rural areas.

(b) & (c) In Tamil Nadu, BharatNet is being implemented by Tamil Nadu Government under State-led model. Tamil Nadu FibreNet Corporation Limited (TANFINET), a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) of the State Government has been constituted for the same. Under the state-led model, project execution, operation and maintenance, and utilization is the responsibility of the State Government. All the 12,525 GPs of the state are in the scope of work in the ongoing project, out of which work in 10,295 GPs is complete.

Under state-led model in Tamil Nadu, total cost sanctioned is Rs 1815.31 crore, out of which funds allocated year-wise are:

- (i) Financial Year 2021-22 – Rs. 74.21 crore
- (ii) Financial Year 2022-23- Rs. 81.21 crore
- (iii) Financial Year 2023-24 – Rs. 503.50 crore
- (iv) Financial Year 2024-25 (so far) - Rs 285.94 crore

(d) & (e) The connectivity to remaining 4,767 (approx.) non-GP villages on demand-basis is under the scope of already sanctioned Amended BharatNet Program.

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