

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1610
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13TH MARCH, 2025**

BHARATNET PROJECT IN TAMIL NADU

1610 SHRI R. DHARMAR:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the BharatNet project in Tamil Nadu, including the number of villages and areas covered under the project so far;
- (b) the timeline for the completion of the BharatNet project across the State;
- (c) the total financial allocation provided for implementation of the BharatNet project in Tamil Nadu, and utilization of funds up to date;
- (d) the steps taken by Government to ensure high-speed internet connectivity in rural and remote areas of Tamil Nadu under BharatNet project; and
- (e) the challenges faced in the implementation of BharatNet in Tamil Nadu and the measures being taken to address these challenges?

ANSWER

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

- (a) (b) & (d) In Tamil Nadu, the BharatNet project is being implemented under State-led model by a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) of the Tamil Nadu Government, i.e. Tamil Nadu FibreNet Corporation Limited (TANFINET). Under the state-led model, project execution, operation and maintenance, and utilization is the responsibility of the State Government. All the 12,525 Gram Panchayats (GPs) of the state are in the scope of work in the ongoing project, out of which work in 10,298 GPs is complete. The connectivity to remaining 4,767 (approx.) non-GP villages on demand-basis is under the scope of already sanctioned Amended BharatNet Program.
- (c) Under state-led model in Tamil Nadu, cost of work awarded is Rs.1544.44 crore (exclusive of taxes) out of which Rs.1093.74 crore has been utilized upto 28.02.2025.
- (e) Challenges like Right of way issues, involvement of multiple agencies etc. have been faced under the implementation of BharatNet in the state. All these challenges are being addressed with planning and co-ordination with concerned agencies.
