

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2256
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH MARCH, 2025**

BHARATNET PROJECT IN PUNJAB

2256 SHRI RAGHAV CHADHA:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Gram Panchayats of Punjab covered under BharatNet project;
- (b) the details of progress made under different phases of BharatNet project against deadlines;
- (c) the progress of BharatNet project in the State of Punjab during last five years; and
- (d) the reasons as to why the BharatNet project has been missing back to back deadlines?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) BharatNet is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all the Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country, including Punjab. Out of total 13,337 GPs in Punjab, 12,668 GPs (7,951 in Phase-I and 4,717 GPs in Phase-II) were planned under BharatNet Phase-I and Phase-II, and all have been made service ready. The remaining GPs of the state and further strengthening of the network is under the scope of Amended BharatNet Program.
