GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2263 TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH MARCH, 2025

BHARATNET PROJECT IN KERALA

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Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of the BharatNet project in Kerala;

(b) the amount of funds allotted to State-led model Optical Fibre Network initiatives/models by different States in the last four years; and

(c) whether Government has plan to provide financial assistance to the K-Fone project to ensure universal broadband accessibility?

ANSWER

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

(a) All 978 Gram Panchayats (GPs) of Kerala have been made service ready under BharatNet project.

(b) Total Rs. 10,151.76 crore has been disbursed for the eight states under the state-led model of BharatNet Phase-II in the period 2020-21 to 2023-24.

(c) Kerala is not under the state-led model, and there is no plan to provide direct assistance to the K-Fone project in the state.
