### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

## RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3045 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2025

#### BHARATNET PROJECT IN RAJASTHAN

#### 3045 SHRI MADAN RATHORE:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the BharatNet project in Rajasthan, 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 Rajasthan, 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 Rajasthan under BharatNet project; and
- (e) the challenges faced in the implementation of BharatNet in Rajasthan 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) & (e) BharatNet project is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all the Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country, including Rajasthan. So far, 8,776 GPs in Rajasthan have been made service ready under BharatNet Phase-I and Phase-II. Providing connectivity to remaining GPs in the state and further strengthening of the network is under the scope of Amended BharatNet Program (ABP). ABP also includes connectivity to all non-GP villages on demand basis. Presently, process for selection of project implementation agency is under tender stage.
- (c) As on 31.01.2025, Rs. 2,025.55 crore has been allocated and utilized for implementation of BharatNet project in Rajasthan.

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