

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2102
ANSWERED ON 7TH AUGUST, 2025**

STATUS OF BHARATNET PROJECT IN BIHAR

2102 SHRI MANOJ KUMAR JHA:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Gram Panchayats in Bihar that have been connected under BharatNet Phase I, II, and III as of July 2025;
- (b) whether Government has identified reasons for delays in achieving full rural broadband coverage in Bihar, and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps being taken to expedite completion of BharatNet and ensure reliable broadband connectivity in all rural areas of Bihar within a fixed timeframe?

ANSWER

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

- (a) BharatNet is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country, including Bihar. In Bihar, 8,340 GPs planned under BharatNet Phase-I & Phase-II have been made service ready. Amended BharatNet program (ABP) is being implemented to provide connectivity to remaining GPs and villages on demand basis. In Bihar agreement for the implementation of ABP has been signed and the work has started.
- (b) & (c) At some places, the difficulties like delay in obtaining Right of Way permissions (RoW), damage of Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) due to development works took place. These have been addressed from time to time by regular review meetings with the respective State Government/agencies, etc.
