

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY TO GRAM PANCHAYATS OF BIHAR

3218 # DR. BHIM SINGH:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of broadband connectivity being provided to the Gram Panchayats of Bihar along with the number of Panchayats that have been able to access internet service so far;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Central Government has given adequate funds to the States for adopting the state-based model, if so, the total amount of grant received by Bihar so far and the details of the progress made; and
- (c) whether Central Government is providing financial and technical support to the State Government in expanding BharatNet, other projects for digital inclusion in Bihar, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (c) 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 for the upgradation of existing Network into ring topology and to provide connectivity to remaining GPs and non GP villages on demand basis. In Bihar agreement for the implementation of Amended BharatNet program has been signed on 12.03.2025.

(b) The State-led Model of BharatNet Project is not implemented in Bihar. Funding from the Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) is provided to Implementers to implement schemes and projects for the purpose of achieving the objectives of the DBN.
