

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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BHARATNET PROJECT IN TAMIL NADU

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Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of BharatNet Project in Tamil Nadu, including the number of villages and areas covered under the project, so far;
- (b) the timeline for completion of the project across the State and the progress made during the last year;
- (c) the financial assistance provided for implementation of the project in the State and the utilization of funds, as on date;
- (d) the steps taken by Government to ensure high-speed internet connectivity in rural and remote areas of the State under the project; and
- (e) the challenges faced in implementation of the project in the State?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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(a) & (b) BharatNet project is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to Gram Panchayats (GPs) and villages beyond GPs on demand basis across the country. In Tamil Nadu, the project is being implemented under State-led model through Tamil Nadu FibreNet Corporation Limited (TANFINET), a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) of the State Government and 10,808 GPs have been made service ready till 31.10.2025 under BharatNet. Amended BharatNet program (ABP) is proposed to be implemented to provide connectivity to all GPs and to Non-GP villages (on the demand basis). The timeline for completion of the construction phase under the ABP is three years from the date of sign of agreement. In last Financial year total of 1,893 GPs were made service ready in the state.

(c) The total financial allocation provided for the implementation of the BharatNet Project in Tamil Nadu was Rs. 1,544.44 Cr (exclusive of taxes) & the fund disbursed to Tamil Nadu state is Rs.1361.16 Cr. till 31.10.2025.

(d) BharatNet project is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (GPs) and villages beyond GPs on demand basis across the country. The infrastructure created under BharatNet can be utilized by Service Providers to provide

broadband services, such as Wi-Fi Hotspots, Fibre to the Home (FTTH) connections, leased lines, dark fibre, backhaul to mobile towers, etc.

(e) Challenges like Right of way issues, involvement of multiple agencies etc. have been faced under the implementation of BharatNet in the state. All these challenges are being addressed with planning and co-ordination with concerned agencies.
