

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 04  
ANSWERED ON 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2026**

**CONNECTIVITY OF GRAM PANCHAYATS**

**4 # SHRI MAYANKKUMAR NAYAK:**

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Gram Panchayats that have been made service-ready for high-speed broadband services under the BharatNet project, as per the latest available report, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the length of optical fibre cable laid, so far, under BharatNet for connecting rural areas;
- (c) the number of Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH) connections and Wi-Fi hotspots provided in rural areas, so far; and
- (d) the current stage of implementation and the proposed timeline for connecting the remaining Gram Panchayats?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN  
REGION  
(SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)**

- (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF RAJYA SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 04 FOR 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2026 REGARDING “CONNECTIVITY OF GRAM PANCHAYATS.”**

(a) As of December, 2025, a total of 2,14,904 GPs has been made service ready. Details are placed at **Annexure-I**.

(b) As of December, 2025, a total of 6,94,911 KM (approx.) of Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) has been laid for high-speed broadband services under BharatNet project.

(c) A total of 14,07,784 Fiber to the Home (FTTH) connections (with Wi-Fi technology enabled) have been provided through BharatNet, as of December, 2025.

(d) Amended BharatNet Program (ABP) has been approved under Design, Built, Operate & Maintain (DBOM) model for up-gradation of existing network of BharatNet Phase-I and Phase-II, creation of network in balance GPs, Operation & Maintenance for 10 years and utilization.

**Status of BharatNet project (as of Dec, 2025)**

S.No.	State/UT	Phase-I and Phase-II scope	Service ready on OFC	Service ready on Satellite	Total Service ready (OFC + Satellite)
1	Andaman & Nicobar	72	68	4	72
2	Andhra Pradesh	12,955	12,935	20	12,955
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1,156	77	1,047	1,124
4	Assam	1,507	1,502	5	1,507
5	Bihar	8,340	8,324	16	8,340
6	Chandigarh	12	12	0	12
7	Chhattisgarh	10,031	9,681	14	9,695
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	20	20	0	20
9	Daman & Diu	18	18	0	18
10	Goa	0	0	0	0
11	Gujarat	14,320	14,294	26	14,320
12	Haryana	6,082	6,082	0	6,082
13	Himachal Pradesh	411	252	158	410
14	Jammu & Kashmir	1,105	413	688	1,101
15	Jharkhand	4,393	4,376	14	4,390
16	Karnataka	6,084	6,084	0	6,084
17	Kerala	978	977	1	978
18	Ladakh	193	0	193	193
19	Lakshadweep	10	0	9	9
20	Madhya Pradesh	17,850	17,812	38	17,850
21	Maharashtra	27,689	24,569	6	24,575
22	Manipur	1,536	315	1,160	1,475
23	Meghalaya	719	122	576	698
24	Mizoram	541	41	499	540
25	Nagaland	236	116	120	236
26	Odisha	6,788	6,741	44	6,785
27	Puducherry	98	98	0	98
28	Punjab	12,668	12,664	4	12,668
29	Rajasthan	8,776	8,746	30	8,776
30	Sikkim	173	26	9	35
31	Tamil Nadu	12,525	10,869	0	10,869
32	Telangana	12,733	10,833	0	10,833
33	Tripura	740	598	142	740
34	Uttar Pradesh (E)	34,439	34,263	11	34,274
35	Uttar Pradesh (W)	12,472	12,449	23	12,472
36	Uttarakhand	1,994	1,819	174	1,993
37	West Bengal	2,677	2,674	3	2,677
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,22,341</b>	<b>2,09,870</b>	<b>5,034</b>	<b>2,14,904</b>

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