

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1449  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2026**

**BHARATNET PROJECT**

**1449 # MS. INDU BALA GOSWAMI:**

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Gram Panchayats across the country provided with high-speed broadband service so far under the BharatNet project, State-wise including Himachal Pradesh; and
- (b) the length of optical fiber laid so far under the BharatNet project to connect the rural areas of Himachal Pradesh?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) The total number of GPs undertaken under BharatNet Phase-I and Phase-II are 2,22,341 GPs, out of which 2,14,904 are Service Ready. The state-wise details of Gram Panchayats including Himachal Pradesh connected under the BharatNet project are available at <https://usof.gov.in/en/parliament-questions>.
- (b) As on 31.12.2025, 783 KMs Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) laid so far under the BharatNet project in Himachal Pradesh.

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