

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2253
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH MARCH, 2026**

INTERNET FACILITY IN ANDHRA PRADESH

2253 SHRI GOLLA BABURAO:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether only 26 per cent in rural and 14 per cent in urban areas in Andhra Pradesh have internet facility within household premises;
- (b) if so, whether above figures indicate that there is still a long way to achieve universal access to internet;
- (c) if so, the details of funding that Government set aside from Digital Bharat Nidhi, etc. , since its launch and spent till February 2026, year-wise and State-wise;
- (d) whether any timelines have been fixed for universal rollout of fixed-line broadband/internet access in rural and urban areas; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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(a) & (b) The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), conducted a Comprehensive Modular Survey: Telecom (CMS: Telecom) during January to March 2025. As per the results of the survey, percentage of households with internet facility within household premises, for Andhra Pradesh are as below.

State	Rural	Urban	Total
Andhra Pradesh	73.3	85.4	77.7
All India	83.3	91.6	86.3

(c) Till 28.02.2026, Government has disbursed a total of Rs 95,225 crore under Digital Bharat Nidhi since its inception. These funds are utilised to provide telecom services in rural and remote areas of the Country including in Andhra Pradesh. The Year-wise and State-wise details are given in **Annexure -I and II** respectively.

(d) & (e) Government is implementing BharatNet project in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all the Gram Panchayats (GPs) and villages in the country. As of Feb-2026, 2,17,805 GPs in the country have been made service ready. Further, Government has approved Amended BharatNet Program (ABP) for up-gradation of existing network of BharatNet Phase-I and Phase-II, creation of network in balance GPs, Operation and Maintenance for 10 years, utilization and connectivity to remaining non-GP villages on demand basis from their respective GPs. The infrastructure thus created, along with the efforts of service providers is expected to make high speed broadband accessible to all citizens of the country.

Annexure referred to reply to part (c) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question no. 2253 answered on 12th March 2026 regarding “Internet facility in Andhra Pradesh”

Year-wise details of Fund disbursed under Digital Bharat Nidhi as on 28.02.2026 (Rs. in crores)

Financial Year	Fund disbursed
2002-03	300
2003-04	200
2004-05	1,315
2005-06	1,767
2006-07	1,500
2007-08	1,290
2008-09	8,549
2009-10	2,400
2010-11	3,100
2011-12	1,688
2012-13	625
2013-14	2,163
2014-15	2,087
2015-16	3,100
2016-17	7,227
2017-18	6,999
2018-19	4,788
2019-20	2,926
2020-21	7,200
2021-22	8,300
2022-23	3,500
2023-24	8,380
2024-25	8,798
2025-26	7,023
Total	95,225

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State-wise funds allocated / disbursed under Digital Bharat Nidhi as on 28.02.2026 (Rs. in crores)

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	Funds disbursed
1	Andaman & Nicobar	1,307
2	Andhra Pradesh	3,940
3	Assam	1,217
4	Bihar	3,032
5	Chhattisgarh	4,806
6	Gujrat (Dadar Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu)	5,063
7	Haryana	1,005
8	Himachal Pradesh	875
9	Jammu & Kashmir (including Ladakh)	1,143
10	Jharkhand	3,313
11	Karnataka	3,117
12	Kerala	1,130
13	Lakshadweep	1,003
14	Madhya Pradesh	6,645
15	Maharashtra (including Goa)	9,072
16	NE-I (Meghalaya, Mizoram and Tripura)	978
17	NE-II (Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland)	1,903
18	Odisha	4,301
19	Punjab	2,110
20	Rajasthan	3,823
21	Tamil Nadu	1,883
22	Telangana	2,579
23	Uttar Pradesh	7,823
24	Uttarakhand	1,108
25	West Bengal (including Sikkim)	1,520
26	Puducherry	14
27	Centrally Disbursed	20,514
28	Grand Total	95,225

Note: Fund disbursed under ABP for different packages are included in respective States/UT like amount of Ladakh included in J&K, Amount for Goa and Puducherry included in Karnataka, Amount for Dadar and Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu included in Madhya Pradesh and Amount for A&N included in West Bengal.
