

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2088
ANSWERED ON 06th AUGUST, 2026**

IMPLEMENTATION OF BHARATNET

2088 SHRI YERRAM VENKATA SUBBA REDDY:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the aims and objectives of BharatNet;
- (b) the status of implementation of BharatNet Phase-I and Phase-II and Amended BharatNet programme, phase-wise;
- (c) the number of Gram Panchayats (GPs) in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise and the number of those provided with BharatNet;
- (d) the details regarding 'Service Ready';
- (e) how many GPs in the State have demanded for optic fiber connectivity and how many of them have been provided therewith; and
- (f) the number of GPs in which internet has started functioning and providing services through BharatNet?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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- (a) The Government of India approved the Amended BharatNet Program (ABP) on 04.08.2023 for the upgradation/creation of network in all 2.65 lakh Gram Panchayats (GPs) across the country for bridging the digital divide.
- (b) Under BharatNet Phase-I and Phase-II, 6.95 lakh kilometres (kms) of optical fiber cable had been laid and 2.15 lakh GPs had been connected across the country. Under Amended BharatNet Program, as on 30.06.2026, 43,908 kms of optical fiber cable has been laid and 13,494 GPs have been upgraded.
- (c) to (f) Under the Amended BharatNet Program, provision has been made for optical fibre connectivity for all GPs of Andhra Pradesh. 12,955 GPs had been connected in BharatNet Phase-I and Phase-II. Out of this, 12,935 GPs had been connected through optical fiber connectivity. District-wise details are at **Annexure**.

As on 30.06.2026, Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH) connections had been provided in 2,638 GPs of Andhra Pradesh.

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN PART (c) to (f) OF REPLY TO THE RAJYA SABHA
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REDDY REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF BHARATNET**

District-wise details of GPs connected in Andhra Pradesh in BharatNet Phase-I & II

District	Total no. of GPs connected in BharatNet Phase-I & II
Alluri Sitharama Raju	427
Anakapalli	597
Anantapur	561
Annamayya	437
Bapatla	455
Chittoor	600
Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema	393
East Godavari	289
Eluru	549
Guntur	276
Kakinada	365
Krishna	498
Kurnool	472
Nandyal	477
N.T.R.	290
Palnadu	512
Parvathipuram Manyam	425
Prakasam	718
Sri Potti Sriramulu Nellore	716
Sri Sathya Sai	437
Srikakulam	915
Tirupati	745
Visakhapatnam	83
Vizianagaram	775
West Godavari	408
Yeduguri Sandireddy Rajasekhara Reddy Kadapa	535
Total	12,955
