

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2095
ANSWERED ON 06th AUGUST, 2026**

BHARATNET PROJECT IN CHHATTISGARH

2095 SHRI DEVENDRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress of BharatNet project in connecting all Gram Panchayats of Chhattisgarh with high-speed optical fiber;
- (b) the number of rural panchayats actively utilizing digital services under this initiative;
- (c) the steps taken to rapidly expand 4G and 5G mobile connectivity in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts; and
- (d) how many new mobile towers have been installed to bridge the digital divide for tribal populations?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) As on 30.6.2026, 9,681 GPs had been connected in the State of Chhattisgarh under BharatNet Project. Further, the Government has approved the Amended BharatNet Program (ABP) under a design, built, operate and maintain model for upgradation of the existing BharatNet network, creation of network in balance Gram Panchayats (GPs) and Operation & Maintenance of GPs. Using BharatNet, Fiber to the Home (FTTH) connections are active in 1,796 GPs in Chhattisgarh.

(c) Government through Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) has undertaken several Projects for provision of 4G mobile coverage across the country including in tribal, rural, remote and Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas. Under DBN Mobile projects, 9,533 mobile towers have been commissioned in Left wing Extremism affected districts for providing 4G mobile connectivity to 13,613 locations across the country including 1,492 mobile towers covering 1,632 locations in Chhattisgarh, as on 30.06.2026.

(d) Under DBN Mobile projects, 1,757 mobile towers have been commissioned for 4G mobile connectivity to 1,967 villages/locations including tribal areas in Chhattisgarh as on 30.06.2026.
