

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2110
ANSWERED ON 06th AUGUST, 2026**

TELECOM INFRASTRUCTURE AND DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY PROGRAMME

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Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the year-wise, budgetary-allocations and expenditure incurred during the last five-years under BharatNet, Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) and other digital connectivity-programmes, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the current status of implementation and measurable outcomes achieved, including the number of Gram-Panchayats connected through optical-fibre, broadband and 4G/5G coverage, public Wi-Fi hotspots established and improvements in internet access and service quality across the country; and
- (c) whether Government proposes to establish a real-time monitoring mechanism to address last-mile connectivity gaps, network outages and timely restoration of telecom-services, particularly in rural, coastal, and disaster-prone areas and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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- (a) The year-wise budgetary allocation and expenditure during the last five years under Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) is attached at **Annexure-I**. Further, state-wise expenditure of last five years is attached at **Annexure-II**.
- (b) The Government of India has approved the Amended BharatNet Program (ABP) on 4.8.2023 for the upgradation/creation of network in all 2.65 lakh Gram Panchayats (GPs) across the country in ring topology. As on 30.6.2026, under ABP, 13,494 GPs have been upgraded to ring topology. Under different DBN funded mobile project, as on 30.6.2026, 23,426 4G towers have been made on air and have provided mobile services to 33,493 villages/locations.

Further, as on 30.6.2026, under Prime Minister's Wireless Access Network Identifier (PM-WANI), a total of 4,11,464 Wi-Fi hotspots have been installed across India.
- (c) BharatNet network is monitored through Network Operations Centres, and its reports are reviewed on a regular basis to monitor network performance and ensure timely resolution of issues.

Allocation and Utilization of Budget during 2021-22 to 2025-26 (Rs. in crore)						
Financial Year	Budgetary allocations			Actual Expenditure		
	BharatNet	Mobile and other projects	Total	BharatNet	Mobile and other projects	Total
2021-22	7,000	1,300	8,300	7,511	789	8,300
2022-23	1,500	2,000	3,500	1,500	2,000	3,500
2023-24	5,000	10,700	15,700	3,076	5,305	8,381
2024-25	6,500	7200	13,700	3,995	4,803	8,798
2025-26	5,500	4,150	9,650	4,453	2,483	6,936

State-wise details of Fund disbursed under BharatNet and Other DBN Projects during last five financial years (2021-22 to 2025-26) (Rs. In crore)

Name of States/UTs	Fund disbursed under BharatNet	Fund disbursed under mobile and other DBN Projects	Total
Andaman & Nicobar	17.66	276.90	294.56
Andhra Pradesh	1,233.67	1,259.41	2,493.08
Assam	216.34	398.19	614.53
Bihar	781.05	200.03	981.08
Chhattisgarh	1,004.76	1,074.48	2,079.24
Gujarat (including Dadar & Nagar Have and Daman & Diu)	1,147.13	405.30	1,552.44
Haryana	396.50	6.44	402.94
Himachal Pradesh	173.65	326.18	499.83
Jammu and Kashmir (including Ladakh)	298.20	589.40	887.60
Jharkhand	444.44	958.62	1,403.06
Karnataka	1,113.05	360.95	1,474.00
Kerala	359.71	191.64	551.35
Lakshadweep	0.11	919.67	919.78
Maharashtra (including Goa)	2,119.20	1,748.49	3,867.69
Madhya Pradesh	1,281.52	938.21	2,219.73
NE-I (Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura)	48.22	454.00	502.22
NE-II(Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Nagaland)	221.39	1,100.48	1,321.87
Odisha	514.35	2,029.02	2,543.36
Puducherry	7.15	-	7.15
Punjab (including Chandigarh)	747.78	33.02	780.80
Rajasthan	1,218.78	834.15	2,052.93
Tamil Nadu	1,208.55	155.81	1,364.36
Telangana	1,593.22	217.54	1,810.76
Uttar Pradesh	2,186.94	181.73	2,368.67
Uttarakhand	331.88	334.51	666.39
West Bengal (including Sikkim)	646.89	63.30	710.19
Centrally Disbursed/ misc. expenses	1,222.18	322.72	1,544.90
Grand Total	20,534.30	15,380.20	35,914.50
