

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.690  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2017**

**BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY OF GRAM PANCHAYATS IN MAHARASHTRA**

690. SHRI DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Gram Panchayats in Maharashtra where broadband connectivity has still not reached, the details thereof, district-wise;
- (b) the names of cities in Rajasthan where BSNL is providing 4G facility, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action plan formulated by Government to take internet services to the rural areas of Maharashtra?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &  
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

- (a) Details under BharatNet are enclosed in the **Annexure**.
- (b) BSNL has not yet launched 4G services so far.
- (c) BharatNet is being implemented for providing broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (approx. 2,50,000) in the country, including Maharashtra. Under Phase-I, 1,00,000 Gram Panchayats (GPs) are being connected by laying Optical Fibre Cable (OFC). Out of total 27,737 Gram Panchayats (GPs) in Maharashtra, 15,301 GPs have been taken up in BharatNet Phase-1. The balance GPs will be taken up in Phase II of BharatNet project.

As on 09.07.2017, a total of 25,129 Km (covering 11,843 GPs) Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) has been laid. 1,992 GPs have been provided with broadband connectivity in Maharashtra.

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**Annexure**

SI No	District Name	Total No. of GPs in the District	Total No. of GPs in the District (Phase-I)	GPs Lit	Pending BB connectivity in GPs
1	Ahmednagar	1315	235	88	1227
2	Akola	539	145	0	539
3	Amravati	845	442	125	720
4	Aurangabad(MH)	854	364	15	839
5	Beed	1025	1025	313	712
6	Bhandara	548	542	50	498
7	Buldana	867	277	0	867
8	Chandrapur	843	335	165	678
9	Dhule	551	550	0	551
10	Gadchiroli	466	251	0	466
11	Gondia	560	560	162	398
12	Hingoli	565	111	0	565
13	Jalgaon	1077	668	0	1077
14	Jalna	781	781	0	781
15	Kolhapur	1029	641	40	989
16	Latur	787	432	3	784
17	Nagpur	776	776	761	15
18	Nanded	1320	354	0	1320
19	Nandurbar	502	502	53	449
20	Nashik	1253	612	34	1219
21	Osmanabad	621	621	0	621
22	Parbhani	704	286	0	704
23	Pune	1399	853	0	1399
24	Raigarh(MH)	825	820	130	695
25	Ratnagiri	851	386	0	851
26	Sangli	706	537	0	706
27	Satara	1502	530	53	1449
28	Sindhudurg	431	362	0	431
29	Solapur	1028	366	0	1028
30	Thane	946	240	0	946
31	Wardha	525	311	0	525
32	Washim	492	154	0	492
33	Yavatmal	1204	232	0	1204
	<b>Total</b>	<b>27737</b>	<b>15301</b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>25745</b>

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