

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1548  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2017**

**BROADBAND HIGHWAY**

†1548. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN:  
SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the schemes included under broadband highway launched by the Government; and
- (b) the funds allocated and spent under the phase-I and phase-II of the Bharat Net project during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) The BharatNet project is being executed by Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL) through funding from USOF in a phased manner for providing broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (approx. 2,50,000) in the country. The project is to be completed by March 2019.

(b) The details of fund allocated and spent during the last three years (i.e. 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17) and the current year (i.e. 2017-18) under BharatNet are as follows:

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	Year	Fund Allocated	Fund spent	
			Phase-I	Phase-II
1	2014-15	1351.86	1351.86	-
2	2015-16	2415.10	2415.10	-
3	2016-17	5600.00	5600.00	-
4	2017-18	6000.00	-	1600.00

The implementation of project in Phase-I is being done through three CPSUs namely, BSNL, RailTel and PGCIL. The funds are allocated according to the total works assigned to them and expenditure is also reported for the total funds provided. Therefore, State-wise fund expenditure is not available.

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